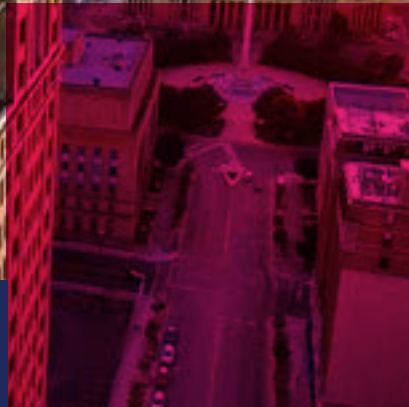
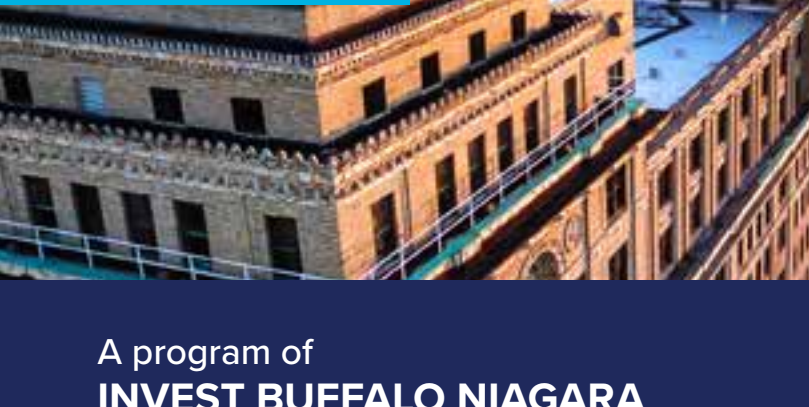




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### With fantastic opportunities for work and play — without high costs and hassles — Buffalo Niagara is your place for a great life.

Downtown Buffalo features destination venues like **Canalside**, **Harborcenter**, and **RiverWorks** for year-round entertainment, from sailing and paddle-boarding to ice skating and hockey. There's also phenomenal architecture, craft breweries and distilleries, fantastic restaurants, diverse food trucks, live music venues, Broadway shows, college centers, and professional sports arenas.

Popular neighborhoods like **Elmwood Village**, **Allentown**, and **North Buffalo's Hertel Avenue** are easy to explore on foot or by bike and offer cozy coffee shops, renowned museums, diners and bistros, farmers' markets, an internationally celebrated orchestra, intimate galleries, antique markets, and locally owned shops.

Buffalo's **Frederick Law Olmsted**—designed **park system** and community greenspaces offer swimming pools, soccer fields, splash pads, tennis, golf, and more.

The sparkling waters of the Niagara River, two Great Lakes — Erie and Ontario — and one of the world's natural wonders, **Niagara Falls**, along with its emerging downtown center and area wineries, surround the region to the west and north. To the east and south are rolling hills, family-owned dairy and produce farms, historic cider mills and maple-sugar shacks, ski resorts, and miles of hiking, biking and snowmobile trails. In between, welcoming suburbs offer nationally recognized school districts and an abundance of family-friendly amenities.

# One Spectacular Region

When you explore Western New York, you'll soon discover how special it is and how much there is to do. This section is an overview of the **eight counties that make up the region: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming**. Geographically speaking, several of the world's largest bodies of fresh water create the region's western and northern borders: Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Niagara Falls, and Lake Ontario interconnect for a natural boundary that's spectacular to see and enjoy (the waterways are also the reason for our temperate climate). Everything to the east of the water is lush, green, and beautiful.

We've spotlighted the largest cities — Buffalo and Niagara Falls — and their respective counties — Erie and Niagara — followed by highlights of the other counties and the villages, towns, activities, and amenities that make up this spectacular region.

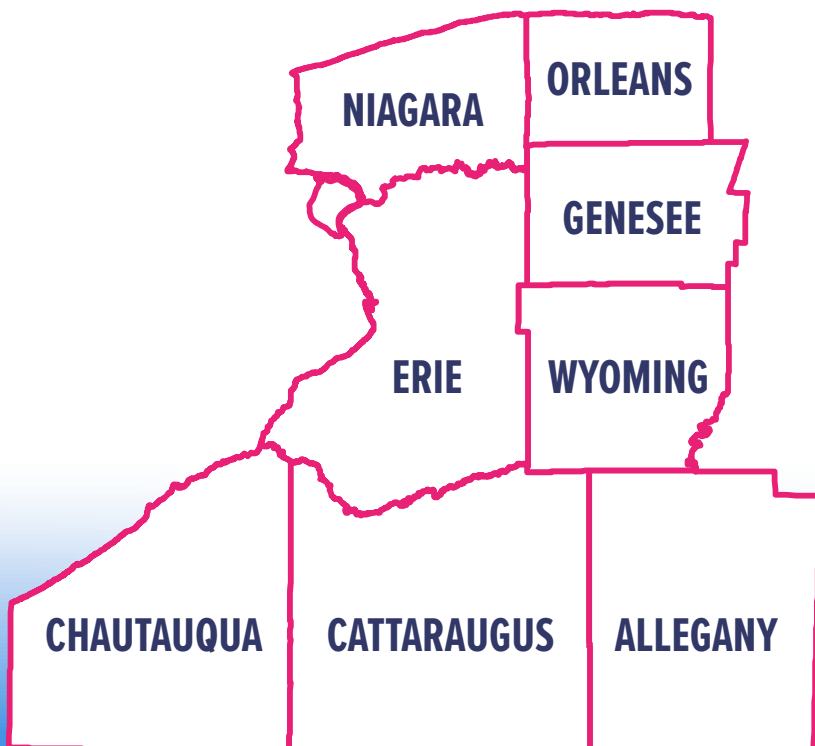






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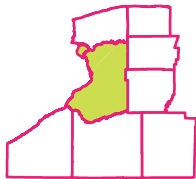
# Erie County

## POPULATION:

**928,901** (2018 est.)

## LAND AREA:

**1,044 sq. mi.**



## LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

**Buffalo – Population: 260,157** (2018 est.)

The region's commercial and cultural center is the City of Buffalo, located in Erie County on the shores of Lake Erie and the Niagara River. Buffalo is the second-largest city in New York State after New York City. In addition to serving as the region's business hub, you'll find that Buffalo is a terrific place to live and play. There are myriad residential options as well as museums, theaters, schools, galleries, sports venues, restaurants, shops, and much more. All of our region's major league sports teams play in Erie County, as well as several minor league and collegiate teams.

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## THE NORTHTOWNS

The northern suburbs of Buffalo including Tonawanda, Kenmore, Amherst, Williamsville, and Clarence. May or may not include Wheatfield and North Tonawanda, depending on who you ask.

## THE SOUTHTOWNS

Towns located south of the Buffalo River, generally Hamburg, Orchard Park, Boston, Eden, Elma, East Aurora, and West Seneca.

# Buffalo Neighborhoods

## INSIDE THE DOWNTOWN CORE

### 1 Canalside

Back in the 1800s, the Erie Canal was a thriving waterway connecting the Great Lakes to New York City. The canal's western terminus in Buffalo made the city a hub of commercial activity. Today, this same area—now known as Canalside—has been rediscovered (literally, as the terminus was buried for decades) and revitalized. Canalside has quickly become a waterfront destination, with daily free and low-cost events, from craft beer tastings to waterside yoga classes. In summer, you'll find people picnicking and playing games on the rolling lawns; kayaking, paddle-boarding, and sailing in the surrounding waterways; and enjoying evening concerts, fireworks, and cultural events. And if you think things slow down in winter, think again; the canal becomes an

urban outdoor ice skating (and ice biking) rink filled with people day and night.

### 2 Central Business District

Just steps from Canalside is the Central Business District, which is home to several of Buffalo's largest private- and public-sector employers. You'll find beautiful architecture throughout, such as Buffalo's Art Deco-era City Hall, the Ellicott Square Building, and the Guaranty Building, designed by Louis Sullivan, known as the father of modern American architecture. Many of the district's historic buildings are now residential and mixed-use properties, including the Hotel at The Lafayette (designed by Louise Bethune, the nation's first female architect).

### 3 Cobblestone District

Small in size but packed with activity, this enclave next to the Central Business District has recently undergone major redevelopment, with loft apartments in renovated factories, restaurants, and exhibition spaces for visual and performing arts. Here's where you'll find KeyBank Center, a venue for top-name concerts and home of the National Hockey League's Buffalo Sabres and our professional lacrosse team, the Buffalo Bandits. It's also home to Harborcenter—a mixed-use sports and entertainment venue. Just across the Buffalo River is RiverWorks, a redeveloped industrial grain-elevator compound featuring a concert venue, restaurant, and brewery that hosts amateur hockey, curling, roller derby, and other special events.

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**Byron Brown**  
MAYOR, CITY OF BUFFALO



CANALSIDE BOARDWALK



## OUTSIDE OF DOWNTOWN

### 4 Allentown

Eclectic and energetic, Allentown is known for its art, music, and food venues as well as its charming historic homes. One of Buffalo's best-loved events, the Allentown Art Festival, is held each June, while Allentown's art gallery walk, known as "First Fridays," has grown into a popular monthly event. In addition, Allentown is home to the Theatre of Youth in the historic Allendale Theater and the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site. At the foot of Allen Street stands the brand-new University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences—an anchor to the sprawling and innovative Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.



### 5 Black Rock/Riverside

Black Rock is located along the Black Rock Canal and was an independent and bustling waterfront town before incorporation with Buffalo in 1853. Riverside is just past Black Rock, where the canal meets the Niagara River. These abutting neighborhoods include both families who have called them home for generations, and newcomers — many immigrants and refugees, whom Buffalo welcomes. They all enjoy this affordable area's proximity to waterfront bike paths and greenways, including Riverside Park, designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's firm. Niagara Street is experiencing a renaissance of its own with new mixed-use building renovations, loft apartments, breweries, and restaurants.

### 6 Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC)

The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus is a dynamic place to live, work, and play. Home to world-class hospitals, research institutions, and education facilities, the BNMC has benefited from Buffalo's entrepreneurial spirit, with more than 120 private sector companies located within its boundaries as well as brand new housing options. BNMC is also home to several University at Buffalo buildings, including the new and state-of-the-art Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.



# Buffalo Neighborhoods



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S DARWIN D. MARTIN HOUSE COMPLEX, LOCATED IN THE PARKSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD

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## 7 Delaware District

The Delaware District centers on Delaware Avenue, with stately mansions dating back to the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. At its core is Delaware Park, the centerpiece of landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted's Buffalo Parks System (he also designed New York City's park system). This area encompasses the city's Museum District, with the Burchfield Penney Art Center, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, and the Buffalo History Museum. Other attractions such as Hoyt Lake in Delaware Park, historic and beautiful Forest Lawn Cemetery, and the Buffalo Zoo make this a popular area.

## 8 East Side/Hamlin Park/Humboldt

Hamlin Park, within Buffalo's East Side, is home to Canisius College. This neighborhood and the surrounding blocks include many historically significant homes and houses of worship, another Olmsted-designed park (Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, known locally as MLK Park, with one of the most popular year-round splash pads/skating rinks), and the Buffalo Museum of Science. With significant investments in surrounding neighborhoods and its easy commute to downtown, the East Side is reemerging with affordable and exciting residential redevelopment and business opportunities.

## 9 Elmwood Village

Nearly 200 shopping, arts, dining, and leisure destinations fill the storefronts, and make this area a residential and entertainment favorite. Highlighted as one of America's "most livable neighborhoods" by the American Planning Association, the EV offers diverse living options, including many Victorian and Queen Anne style single family homes, farmers' market, "pocket parks" and parkways, and miles of bike lanes make it easy and fun to live and play here. Within or near this neighborhood—which also borders Delaware Park and the Museum District—are several colleges, including Buffalo State College (State University of New York), Medaille College, and Canisius College.

## 10 Fruit Belt

One of Buffalo's most historic neighborhoods, the Fruit Belt takes its name from the orchards planted by its first settlers. This predominantly residential neighborhood is home to families and professionals—many who have lived there for generations. Its proximity to the Medical Campus and the Central Business District make it a convenient option.

## DISCOVERING BUFFALO, ONE STREET AT A TIME

Allen Street was named after Lewis Falley Allen, who arrived in Buffalo in 1827 with his wife, Margaret Cleveland. (The future Mrs. Allen was Grover Cleveland's aunt—her nephew's career trajectory went from sheriff of Erie County, to mayor of Buffalo and governor of New York and, ultimately, president of the U.S.) After selling parcels of land on Main Street, the Allen's herd of cows could no longer graze, but the path that had been used to move the cows became "Allen Street" in 1888.

Visit *Buffalo Streets* [[buffalostreets.com](http://buffalostreets.com)], where Angela Keppel, a history enthusiast and urban planner shares much, much more about the history of Buffalo's streets.



## 11 Larkin District

The vibrant and growing neighborhood known as Larkinville is favored by people of all ages who attend its many restaurants, bars, concerts, and events. It centers on the historic and redeveloped Larkin Terminal Warehouse, now called Larkin at Exchange, and several other large-scale industrial buildings are under renovation as mixed-use and residential properties.

## 12 North Buffalo

With Hertel Avenue at its heart and Delaware Park and the Buffalo Zoo within an easy walk or bike ride, North Buffalo is a perennial favorite for its wonderful mix of Buffalo restaurant and bar mainstays as well as an active retail hub with an eclectic mix of antiques, clothing, and furniture stores, as well as art galleries, spas, coffee shops and ethnic markets. This neighborhood is also home to the historic North Park Theater, a much-loved and gorgeously restored 1920s movie theater.

## 13 Parkside

On the eastern border of Delaware Park, this tree-lined neighborhood was planned as a residential area by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted in 1883. Parkside also encompasses the Buffalo Zoo, the Darwin D. Martin House—one of Frank Lloyd Wright's best examples of Prairie-style architecture—and Nichols School, one of Buffalo's most prestigious private schools.

## 14 South Buffalo

While South Buffalo's Irish-American roots are proudly reflected in the street signs and pubs here, it's a diverse and bustling neighborhood with two Olmsted parks: Cazenovia Park and South Park. South Buffalo is also home to Trocaire College, the renowned Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, and Tift Nature Preserve, a popular urban woodlands and wetlands refuge.

## 15 Waterfront Village

This largely residential waterfront enclave next to Canalside is also home to the Erie Basin Marina's bikeways, walkways and gardens, and the Naval Military Park.

## 16 The West Side

Buffalo's West Side is one of the largest and most diverse neighborhoods in Buffalo. Waterways flank its western border, with the Peace Bridge connecting Buffalo to Fort Erie, Ontario in Canada. It was once one of the final stops of the Underground Railroad, with escaped slaves fleeing refuge in Canada. Today, new Americans have opened delicious food spots and beautiful clothing and art boutiques.



# Erie County Cities & Towns

## Amherst

The Town of Amherst includes East Amherst, Williamsville, Eggertsville, Getzville, and Snyder and is the largest suburb of Buffalo. Known as one of the safest towns in America, Amherst neighborhoods are dotted with “main street” shops and restaurants, farmers’ markets, parks, and highly rated school districts, as well as several colleges including Daemen College, Erie Community College, and the University at Buffalo North Campus.

**Cheek-tah-wah-guh**

(Say it quick)

## Cheektowaga

Cheektowaga lies just to the east of the City of Buffalo and is one of the larger suburbs. Two of the region’s busiest destinations — the Buffalo Niagara International Airport and the Walden Galleria — are in Cheektowaga, as is Villa Maria College.

## Clarence

Clarence, a suburb about 20 minutes from downtown, has an award-winning school system and lots of green space with parks, bikeways, and farms (horseback riding is particularly popular here). It’s also home to a huge indoor/outdoor antiques and flea market called Antique World and to the Great Pumpkin Farm — hosting a month-long celebration of harvest season and Halloween.

## Colden/Glenwood/Boston

Nestled in the hills 30 minutes south of Buffalo, these villages are reminiscent of small Vermont towns and form the heart of Erie County ski country. Buffalo Ski Club and Kissing Bridge resorts are located here.

## East Aurora

East Aurora is filled with tree-lined streets, enchanting brick and clapboard houses, and a charming village center. It’s also home to Fisher-Price Toys, Vidler’s 5 & 10, and Elbert Hubbard’s Roycroft Campus, where artisans continue the tradition of crafting handmade home goods and useful objects from wood, metal, and glass in the Arts & Crafts style.

## Grand Island

Situated in the Niagara River between Buffalo and Niagara Falls, Grand Island is one of the world’s largest freshwater islands. Its 33 square miles are largely residential and recreational; some significant corporate headquarters are here as well. Attractions include Beaver Island State Park — a waterfront park with golf, bike trails and beaches — as well as Buckhorn Island State Park, a huge nature preserve.

## Hamburg

Hamburg is located on Lake Erie south of Buffalo and has a bustling village center, Hilbert College and Woodlawn Beach State Park — one of Western New York’s most popular beaches. In Hamburg, you’ll also find the Penn Dixie site, where curious diggers can find Devonian-era fossils and other archaeological wonders in its shale outcroppings.







GRAND ISLAND BRIDGES

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## Kenmore and Tonawanda

Kenmore is a first-ring suburb of Buffalo and a village in the Town of Tonawanda. It's home to a vibrant village center, large parks and libraries, and other amenities that give it a great mix of urban and suburban benefits. Tonawanda, with its strong school system and safe neighborhoods, developed around Kenmore and its more recent history is reflected in its post-World War II housing, including some lovely mid-century gems.

## Lackawanna

The City of Lackawanna lies south of downtown Buffalo, just over the Skyway. Once home to bustling steel mills, it's now the site of the country's first urban wind-turbine farm. Here you'll also find the Small Boat Harbor and Gallagher Beach — a destination for windsurfers and kayakers — as well as urban beaches, parks, marinas, and biking and hiking trails. In winter, it becomes an ice-fishing spot, with hundreds of colorful fishermen's tents dotting the harbor.

## Lancaster

Lancaster's mix of village life, suburban amenities, and pastoral charm comfortably co-mingle. Like many of our suburbs, Lancaster has been designated as one of the safest communities in the country. While it's one of Erie County's easternmost suburbs, Lancaster is still an easy commute to Buffalo.

## Orchard Park

Originally settled by the Quakers, today's Orchard Park residents enjoy great schools, beautiful parks, and lively events all year long. In addition, it's here that you'll find one of the region's most popular venues — Ralph Wilson Stadium, home of the National Football League's Buffalo Bills.

**NT**

North Tonawanda, a suburb between Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

**OP**

Orchard Park, a suburb located southeast of Buffalo.

## West Seneca

West Seneca, which is actually east of Buffalo, is a large, post-World War II suburban community with a strong school system, safe neighborhoods, and quick proximity to just about anywhere in Western New York.



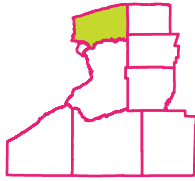
# Niagara County

## POPULATION:

**213,710** (2018 est.)

## LAND AREA:

**523 sq. mi.**

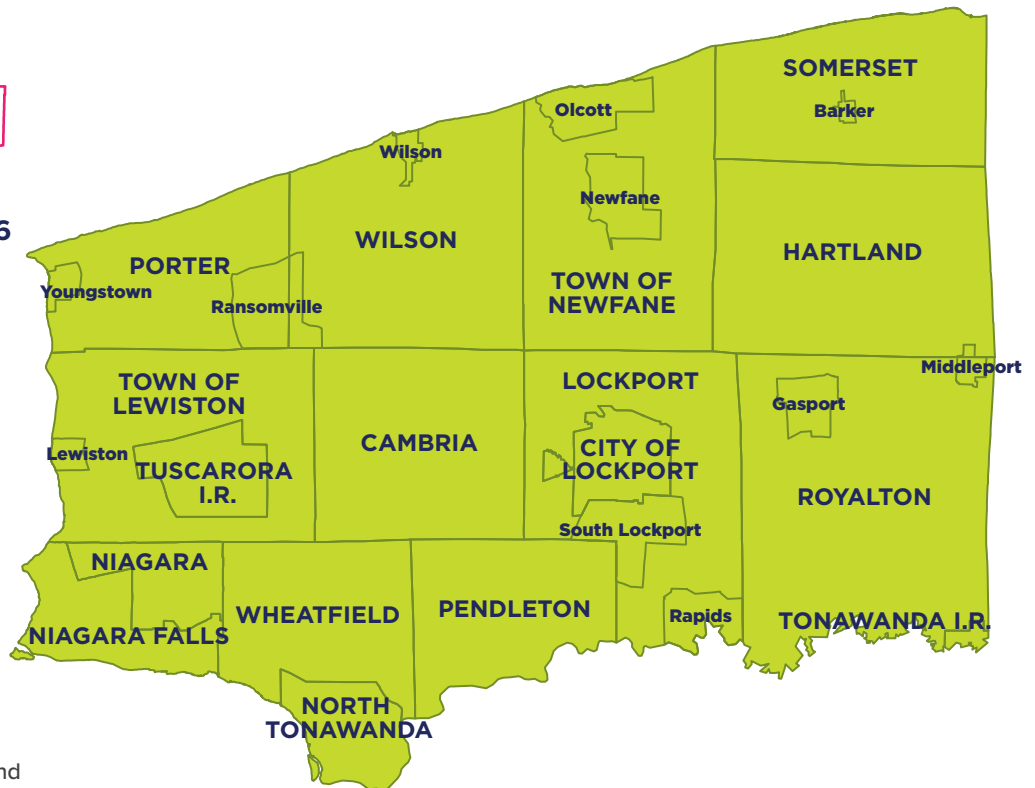


## LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

**Niagara Falls – Population: 48,506**

(2018 est.)

Niagara County is home to one of the world's most popular tourist destinations and a wonder of the natural world: Niagara Falls. Love great food and wine? You'll also find thriving farms, vineyards, orchards, cider mills, and wineries (including producers of world-renowned ice wine) along the Niagara Wine Trail. Beautiful towns and villages, miles of biking and hiking trails, outstanding schools, and dozens of arts and cultural destinations are here, too. Historic cities like Lockport grew around the Erie Canal, and this waterway still runs through Lockport's downtown center. Lewiston is a charming and historic village on the Niagara Escarpment, where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario. In addition, dozens of other historic sites, public and private higher-education institutions and one of the longest-running hydroelectric power plants in the country are also here in Niagara County.



[www.niagara-usa.com](http://www.niagara-usa.com)





## NIAGARA COUNTY: CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES

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NIAGARA FALLS RAINBOW

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## GOAT ISLAND

Goat Island is located between the American and Canadian Falls, but only accessible from New York. It was originally named after a goat herd kept by John Stedman in the 1700s.



ERIE CANAL CRUISE, LOCKPORT

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# City of Niagara Falls Neighborhoods

The City of Niagara Falls is in the midst of exciting redevelopment and reinvestment. With its breathtaking beauty, Niagara Falls attracts millions of visitors every year, and the American side boasts some of the most popular attractions for those who want to experience the thrill of the Falls up close. The Cave of the Winds, Maid of the Mist boat tour, Goat Island, and numerous bikeways provide ample opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty here. New York State is investing millions of dollars to upgrade Niagara Falls State Park, too.

The Niagara Falls Culinary Institute is part of Niagara County Community College (NCCC, part of the State University of New York system) and it's at the heart of the city's educational and culinary boom. In addition to providing excellent collegiate-level education, NCCC and Niagara University (NU) are also essential partners in arts, culture, and athletics in Niagara Falls.

Pine Avenue and Main Street are the main business districts with independent shops and restaurants — many that have existed for generations. Small-and-growing areas around Third Street and Buffalo Avenue are also attracting entrepreneurs and restaurateurs. There are many lovely and historic homes around these enclaves, and most are within walking distance to the Niagara Gorge.

In fact, Niagara Falls has several lovely neighborhoods that benefit from the area's natural beauty. On the escarpment, the Deveau neighborhood has some of the city's grandest older homes. Chilton Avenue – Orchard Parkway is a National Historic District just steps to the breathtaking riverfront gorge. Other waterfront areas like Cayuga Island — a small residential enclave on the edge of the Niagara River — also offer beautiful views and more affordable homes than just about any waterfront area of similar quality.



OLD FALLS STREET

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## 1 Downtown

One of the most popular tourist areas in the world, downtown Niagara Falls features both the iconic series of waterfalls and also Niagara Falls State Park. Designed by the incomparable landscape artist Frederick Law Olmsted, Niagara Falls State Park — America's oldest state park — is packed with popular attractions for those who want to experience a full Falls experience, including the Cave of the Winds (a thrilling walk to the base of the Falls), Maid of the Mist boat tour, Prospect Point observation tower, and Goat Island. After exploring the majestic waters, visitors can enjoy entertainment, shopping, and dining both in- and outside the park. Another major attraction is the landmark Seneca Falls Casino, with plenty of games, shows and dining options.

## 2 Deveaux

Tucked in the northwest corner of the city, the Deveaux neighborhood is a quaint and picturesque area that is home to some of the city's oldest and grandest homes. The area is located on the escarpment immediately adjacent to Niagara University. The neighborhood is named after Samuel Deveaux, a large landholder, local judge, and businessman who was heavily involved in the construction of the Whirlpool Suspension Bridge in 1847.

## 3 Hyde Park

Located along Hyde Park Boulevard in the city, Hyde Park refers to both the municipal park and the surrounding residential areas to the east and west. Dubbed the "Jewel of Niagara Falls," the park provides recreational opportunities in golf, tennis, swimming, ice hockey, bocce, lawn bowling and, perhaps most prominently, baseball. Sal Maglie Stadium, named after the major league pitcher in the '40s and '50s nicknamed "The Barber," is located within the park boundaries.

## 4 LaSalle

Located along the Niagara River in the southeast portion of the city, LaSalle is a popular residential area with a village feel. In fact, the area was once the Village of LaSalle before it became part of the city of Niagara Falls in 1927. The area is named after Robert de La Salle, a French explorer who completed expeditions on the Great Lakes, Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico. La Salle's famed ship, Le Griffon, was built in the area in 1679.

## 5 Little Italy

Historically home to a large population of Italian-Americans, the neighborhood of Little Italy is centrally located along Pine Avenue between Hyde Park Boulevard and Portage Road. One of the major commercial areas in the city, Little Italy features plenty of retailers and boasts some of the region's best-known eateries, including the original DiCamillo Bakery, Michael's, and the Como Restaurant.

The birth of Niagara Falls can be traced back more than 12,000 years to the end of the last glacial period.

**Four of the five Great Lakes** (Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie) drain into the Niagara River before emptying into Lake Ontario.

During periods of peak flow in the summer and fall, more than

**700,000 gallons**

of water per second pour over Niagara Falls.

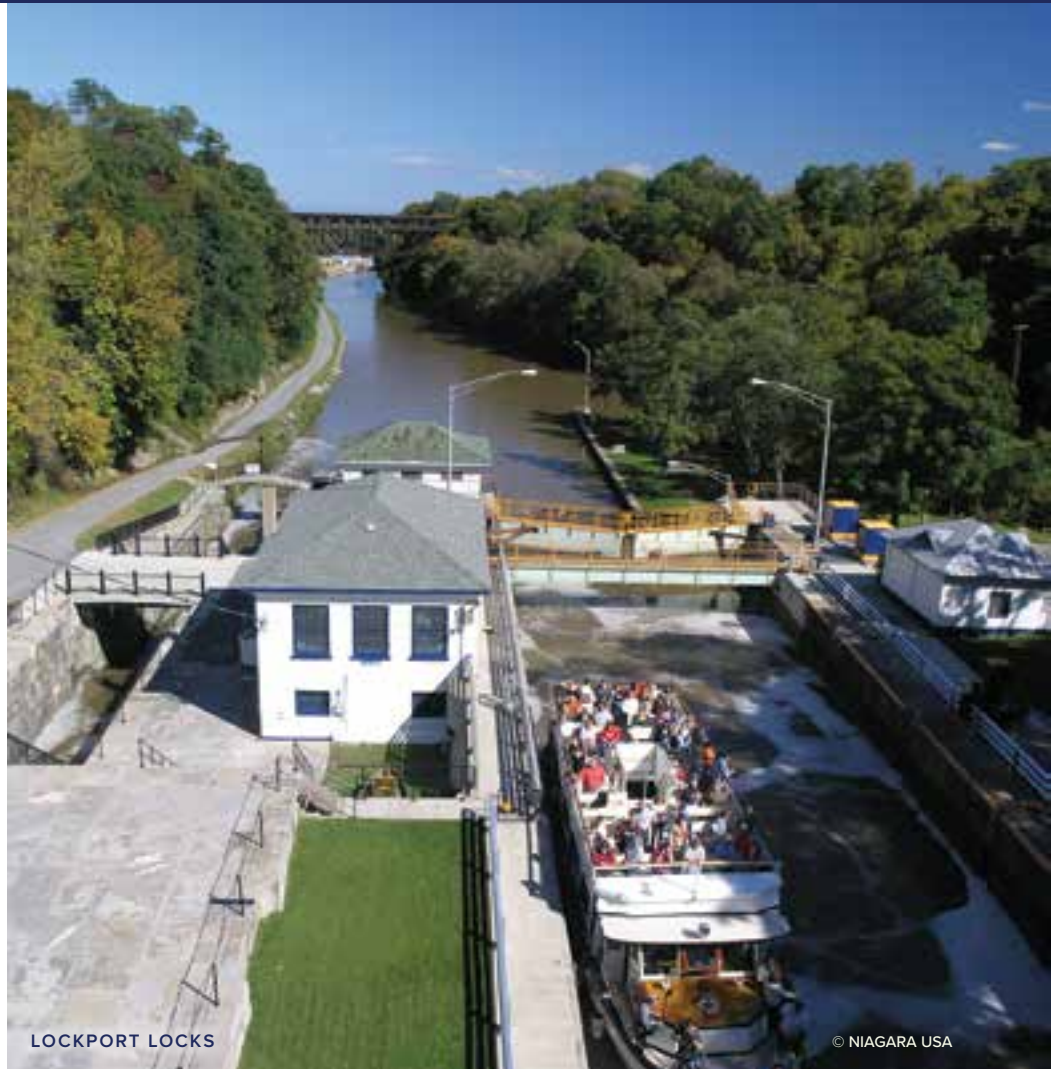
# Niagara County Cities & Towns

## Lewiston

This gem on the Niagara Gorge sits above the Niagara River at the mouth of Lake Ontario. It's known for its breathtaking beauty, charming village center, historic homes, and proximity to Niagara Falls. The Lewiston-Queenston Bridge is one of several international crossings in the Buffalo Niagara area, and makes Canada minutes away as well. It's also a favorite spot for popular venues and events including Artpark, the Lewiston Peach Festival, the Lewiston Jazz Festival, and the Christmas Walk and Home Tour.

## Lockport

Lockport (both the city and town) formed along the Erie Canal, and its historic downtown still reflects its 18th and early 19th century roots. Lockport has an active arts scene highlighting both contemporary and historically significant art. It includes several galleries, museums and shops, as well as the Kenan Center, a refurbished historic home with a range of programming. It's also the county seat. As with the rest of Niagara County, Lockport is being rediscovered as a great place to live and play.





## Herschell Carrousel Factory Museum

This historic carrousel factory located in North Tonawanda was constructed in 1915 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

*T-han-ah-wahn-duh*

(Say it quick)

## North Tonawanda

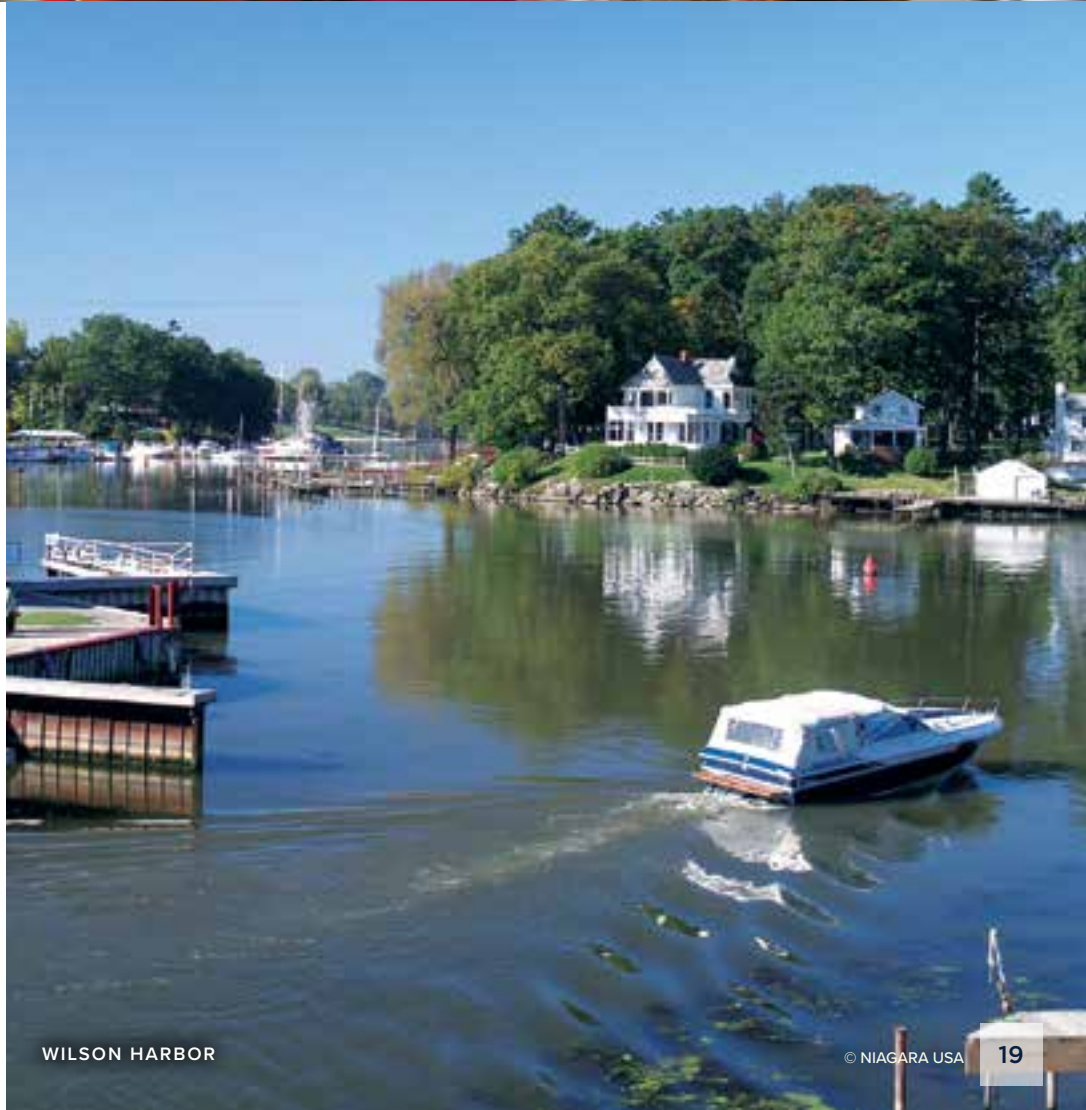
North Tonawanda is a suburb bordered by the Erie Canal and the Niagara River. As the region's waterways are revitalized for recreational use, "NT" (as locals refer to it) is drawing people from around the region for its easy proximity to the water. The area is also an affordable and accessible haven for boaters.

## Wilson and Porter

These two Niagara County towns, about 15 minutes apart on the shores of Lake Ontario, are less than an hour from Buffalo. An easy drive from Niagara Falls, Lockport, and North Tonawanda, they provide some of the loveliest waterfront and sunset views around. They are destinations for water sports, including sailing, power boating, and fishing. Popular for both year-round residents, and summer dwellers, Wilson Harbor offers restaurants, shops and marinas. And Porter is adjacent to Youngstown, where historic Old Fort Niagara still stands from the War of 1812. On clear days, you can see Toronto across the lake.



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# Allegany, Chautauqua & Cattaraugus

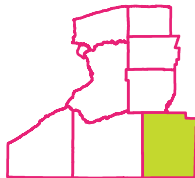
## THE SOUTHERN TIER AND ENCHANTED MOUNTAINS

The Southern Tier region is composed of 14 counties, three of which are located in Buffalo Niagara and border Pennsylvania. Like much of our region, there are strong ties to the land and water through agriculture and recreation. Excellent higher education facilities also support the region's growing green-energy development.

### Allegany County

POPULATION:  
**47,363** (2018 est.)

LAND AREA:  
**1,030 sq. mi.**



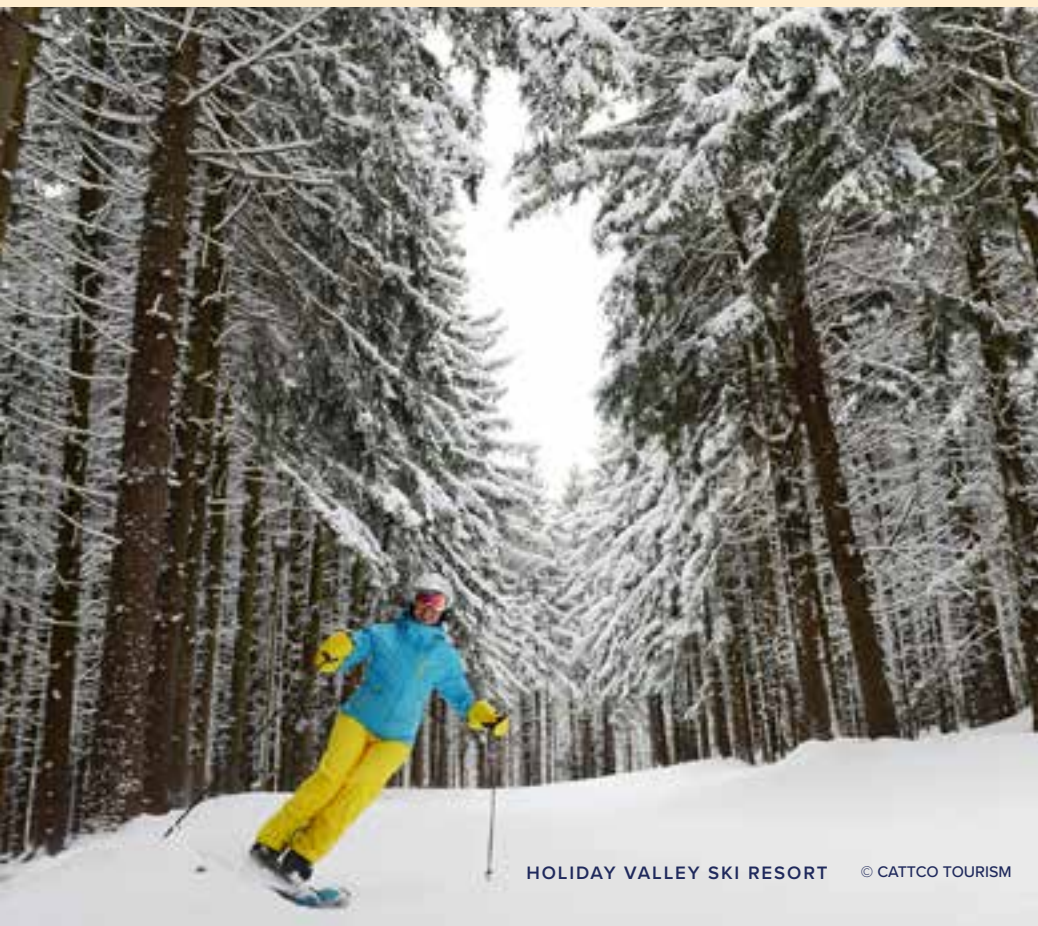
LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:  
**Wellsville – Population: 7,049** (2018 est.)

Allegany County is home to Alfred University, Alfred State College, and Houghton College's main campus, providing exciting cultural venues and educational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and interests. With its hilly terrain and abundant farmland, it's a perennially popular destination for cross-country skiing, hiking, mountain-biking, and golfing, and the dozens of freshwater lakes, rivers, and streams that meander here make it a haven for boating and fishing.



GREAT WELLSVILLE BALLOON RALLY

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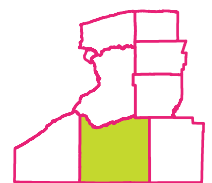


HOLIDAY VALLEY SKI RESORT © CATTCO TOURISM

### Cattaraugus County

POPULATION:  
**79,036** (2018 est.)

LAND AREA:  
**1,130 sq. mi.**



LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:  
**Olean – Population: 14,030** (2018 est.)

Cattaraugus County is known as the "Enchanted Mountains" area, and it's the heart of the Southern Tier's ski country. You'll find year-round fun with golf and skiing at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, dubbed "the Aspen of the East." Nearby HoliMont is the largest private ski area in the country, with over 50 miles of trails. In addition, Allegany State Park's 65,000 acres of forests, streams, and trails make it one of the largest in the New York State Park System. You'll also find St. Bonaventure University in nearby Olean. [www.enchantedmountains.com](http://www.enchantedmountains.com)



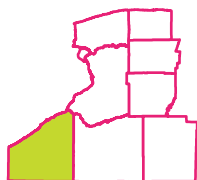
## Chautauqua County

POPULATION:

**130,616** (2018 est.)

LAND AREA:

**1,062 sq. mi.**



LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:

**Jamestown – Population: 29,071**

(2018 est.)

Chautauqua County, in southwest Buffalo Niagara, is a favorite of summer visitors to Chautauqua Lake, one of dozens of inland lakes in the Western New York region. The world-renowned Chautauqua Institution — a recreation, education, arts, and philosophy campus on Chautauqua Lake established in 1874 — hosts more than 2,000 events each summer. Distinguished lecturers and teachers include past U.S. presidents and internationally renowned artists and writers.



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ATHENAEUM HOTEL AT THE CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTE

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In summer, visitors also enjoy miles of beaches along Lake Erie as well as visits to historic Lily Dale, home of the country's largest spiritualist community along Upper Cassadaga Lake. Other attractions include the National Comedy Center and the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum & Center for Comedy in Jamestown — Lucille Ball's hometown.

State University of New York schools Fredonia State College and Jamestown Community College are here in Chautauqua County, providing key synergies for the county's significant investments in environmentally sustainable business development and revitalization in the City of Dunkirk and throughout the county. [www.tourchautauqua.com](http://www.tourchautauqua.com)



# Genesee, Orleans & Wyoming

## ROLLING HILLS AND RIVERS

To the east and south of Erie and Niagara Counties are gorgeous rolling hills with family-owned dairy and produce farms, wineries, historic cider mills and maple-sugar shacks, ski resorts, and hundreds of miles of hiking, biking, and snowmobile trails in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties.

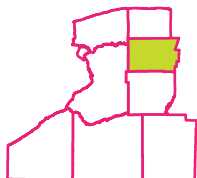
### Genesee County

POPULATION:  
**59,405** (2018 est.)

LAND AREA:  
**494 sq. mi.**

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:  
**Batavia – Population: 15,231** (2018 est.)

Centrally located between Buffalo Niagara and Rochester, Genesee County's largest city, Batavia, is undergoing significant revitalization with a focus on dairy and other sustainable agriculture as well as green energy technologies. The area's natural beauty is preserved through thriving family-owned farms and agricultural cooperatives, and Genesee Community College supports lifelong learning here.  
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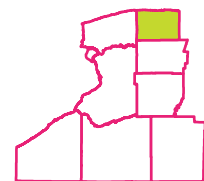
### Orleans County

POPULATION:  
**41,976** (2018 est.)

LAND AREA:  
**391 sq. mi.**

LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:  
**Albion – Population: 8,285** (2018 est.)

Boating, fishing, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, and more await in lovely Orleans County, which offers waterways like Lake Ontario, Oak Orchard Marina, and the Erie Canal. With abundant fresh water and sunshine, agriculture is the primary industry, and much of the county is dotted with corn, maple, apple, berry, and other produce farms. The charming villages of Albion and Medina offer cafes, galleries, and antique shops.  
[www.orleanscountytourism.com](http://www.orleanscountytourism.com)







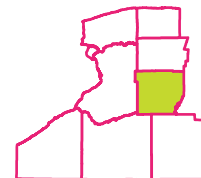
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## Wyoming County

POPULATION:  
**41,445** (2018 est.)

LAND AREA:  
**593 sq. mi.**



LARGEST MUNICIPALITY:  
**Warsaw – Population: 4,904** (2018 est.)

Wyoming County is a year-round destination for outdoor enthusiasts with miles of trails and rivers as well as Letchworth State Park, the “Grand Canyon of the East.” Agriculture is the county’s primary industry, and it’s a leader in dairy and maple production. The region’s abundant natural resources also support green energy technologies as well as advanced manufacturing and precision agriculture.

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If your relocation includes senior family members, you'll be glad to know that Buffalo Niagara is a great place for people of all ages. Living in the city or suburban villages offer cultural and recreational activities — as well as access to necessary services such as pharmacies and groceries — for seniors who choose not to drive. A full range of housing options are available, from more than 50 adult apartment complexes with independent living and amenities to full-care facilities for residents with more complex needs. And there are numerous organizations to help seniors and family members navigate issues from nursing and nutrition to health care.

**Senior Services of Erie County:**  
[www2.erie.gov/seniorservices](http://www2.erie.gov/seniorservices)

**Niagara County Office for the Aging:**  
[www.niagaracounty.com/aging](http://www.niagaracounty.com/aging)



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# MOVING CHECKLIST

TIPS

## FIRST STEPS

- ☐ File change of address
- ☐ Organize school records
- ☐ Forward medical records

## FIND MOVERS

- ☐ Hire movers or reserve a truck
- ☐ If moving yourself, start recruiting friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers well in advance. Offer free breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks.

## GET MOVING SUPPLIES

- ☐ Markers, moving boxes, newspapers, bubble wrap or other cushioning material, packing tape, scissors or utility knife, and garbage bags

## START PACKING

- ☐ Sort belongings into things you are definitely taking, versus things that won't make the trip
- ☐ Donate items to charity, give them to friends, prepare them for a yard sale
- ☐ Drain fuel from your power mower and other machinery; discard partly used cans of oil, paint, thinner, bleach, or any other substances that may be flammable or combustible, or those stored in containers that may leak

## ARRANGE FOR UTILITY TRANSFERS

- ☐ Notify current and future utility providers of your move date
- ☐ Cable/satellite television, cell phone service, electricity, gas, internet/broadband, local and/or long distance phone service, propane, recycling pick-up, sewer, security system, trash pick-up, water

## MAKE MOVING DAY PREPARATIONS

- ☐ Make arrangements for child and/or pet sitting
- ☐ Refill prescriptions
- ☐ Pack your suitcases
- ☐ Unplug electronic appliances 24 hours in advance of a move, except plasma televisions, so that they will be at room temperature on moving day (this includes home computers, stereos, and audio/video equipment)

## GET OLD AND NEW PLACES CLEANED

- ☐ Mop, pail, ammonia, wash cloths, sponges, paper towels, vacuum cleaner, broom, and dustpan

## MOVING DAY PLAN

- ☐ Start early
- ☐ Take all garbage out of the house
- ☐ Make sure movers have your cell phone number and you have theirs, along with their names
- ☐ Perform final checks before leaving current home
- ☐ Turn off air conditioning, fans, and heat
- ☐ Turn off water, including hoses
- ☐ Turn off light switches
- ☐ Leave or turn in keys, garage door openers, etc.
- ☐ Make sure nothing is left in the refrigerator, freezer, stove, drawer under stove, in closets, bathroom, garage, attic, crawlway, or under porch





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**The region's school districts rank highly, with students consistently scoring above average on national exams such as the SATs and ACTs. In addition, nearly one-in-four students continue on to earn associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees.**

Western New York has ways for students of all ages to begin and continue educational experiences. From outstanding Pre-K and child care programs and nationally recognized public and private schools to 22 colleges and universities (including many branches of the State University of New York system), as well as lifelong learning classes for professional development or personal pursuits, there are unlimited options to help you expand your mind and further your interests.

**CITY HONORS  
SCHOOL IS CONSISTENTLY A  
TOP-RANKED  
HIGH SCHOOL**

- U.S. News & World Report

# Higher Education

More Western New Yorkers earn undergraduate and advanced degrees than ever before — and they're building their futures here, too. In any year, more than 100,000 students enroll in nearly two dozen colleges and universities, studying everything from biomedical engineering and business, to green technologies development, urban planning, and media arts.

The State University of New York (SUNY) is the largest comprehensive university system in the U.S., consisting of 64 institutions, including research universities, academic medical centers, liberal arts colleges, community colleges, colleges of technology, and an online learning network. SUNY educates approximately 424,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs, and over two million in workforce and professional development programs.



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KEY	SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT*	TYPE	
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES				
1	Alfred University	2,285	4-year	Private
2A	Bryant & Stratton Business Institute - Amherst	317	2-year	Private
2B	Bryant & Stratton Business Institute - Buffalo	600	2-year	Private
2C	Bryant & Stratton Business Institute - Southtowns	786	2-year	Private
3	Canisius College	3,899	4-year	Private
4	Daemen College	2,766	4-year	Private
5	D'Youville College	2,908	4-year	Private
6A	Erie Community College - City Campus	12,732	2-year	SUNY
6B	Erie Community College - North Campus			
6C	Erie Community College - South Campus			
7	Genesee Community College	6,506	2-year	SUNY
8	Hilbert College	945	4-year	Private
9	Houghton College	1,083	4-year	Private
10	Jamestown Business College	295	2-year	Private
11	Jamestown Community College	4,825	2-year	SUNY
12	Medaille College	2,111	4-year	Private
13	Niagara County Community College	6,115	2-year	SUNY
14	Niagara University	4,127	4-year	Private
15	Saint Bonaventure University	1,991	4-year	Private
16	SUNY at Fredonia	4,841	4-year	SUNY
17	SUNY College at Buffalo	10,329	4-year	SUNY
18	SUNY College of Technology at Alfred	3,698	4-year	SUNY
19	Trocaire College	1,368	2-year	Private
20A	University at Buffalo - North Campus	29,795	4-year	SUNY
20B	University at Buffalo - South Campus			
21	Villa Maria College Buffalo	542	4-year	Private

\* There are three WNY locations; two offer only associates or less, last offers bachelors as well.

\*\* WNY has other professional/trade schools not included in this total.

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS 2016-2017, Spring Collection; September 2016



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A person wearing a welding mask and gloves, working on a metal object. The background is a solid magenta color.

# Northland Workforce Training Center

This new center provides for-credit technical skills programs taught on site by SUNY Alfred State College and SUNY Erie. Along with technical skills, NWTC also has wrap-around services to equip students with the soft skills and adaptability needed for today's workplace.



NORTHLAND WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER

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Western New York's cities and towns have independent school districts and several rank among the top in New York State.



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## PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

MAP#	DISTRICT	CITY	RANK*	WEBSITE
<b>NIAGARA COUNTY</b>				
1	Barker Central	Barker, 14012	23	<a href="http://www.barkercsd.net">www.barkercsd.net</a>
2	Lewiston-Porter Central	Youngstown, 14174	8	<a href="http://www.lew-port.com">www.lew-port.com</a>
3	Lockport City	Lockport, 14094	85	<a href="http://www.lockportschools.org">www.lockportschools.org</a>
4	Medina Central	Medina, 14203	69	<a href="http://www.medinacsd.org">www.medinacsd.org</a>
5	Newfane Central	Burt, 14028	35	<a href="http://www.newfane.wnyric.org">www.newfane.wnyric.org</a>
6	Niagara-Wheatfield Central	Niagara Falls, 14304	21	<a href="http://www.nwcsd.k12.ny.us">www.nwcsd.k12.ny.us</a>
7	Niagara Falls City	Niagara Falls, 14304	91	<a href="http://www.nfschools.net">www.nfschools.net</a>
8	North Tonawanda City	North Tonawanda, 14120	73	<a href="http://www.nts.schools.org">www.nts.schools.org</a>
9	Royalton-Hartland Central	Middleport, 14105	58	<a href="http://www.royhart.org">www.royhart.org</a>
10	Starpoint Central	Lockport, 14094	5	<a href="http://www.starpointcsd.org">www.starpointcsd.org</a>
11	Wilson Central	Wilson, 14172	18	<a href="http://www.wilson.wnyric.org">www.wilson.wnyric.org</a>
<b>ERIE COUNTY</b>				
1	Akron Central	Akron, 14001	12	<a href="http://www.akronschools.org">www.akronschools.org</a>
2	Alden Central	Alden, 14004	19	<a href="http://www.aldenschools.org">www.aldenschools.org</a>
3	Amherst Central	Amherst, 14226	7	<a href="http://www.amherstschools.org">www.amherstschools.org</a>
4	Buffalo City Schools	Buffalo, 14202	95	<a href="http://www.buffaloschools.org">www.buffaloschools.org</a>
5	Cheektowaga-Maryvale Union Free	Cheektowaga, 14225	40	<a href="http://www.maryvale.wnyric.org">www.maryvale.wnyric.org</a>
6	Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free	Cheektowaga, 14227	60	<a href="http://www.sloanschools.org">www.sloanschools.org</a>
7	Cheektowaga Central	Cheektowaga, 14225	92	<a href="http://www.cheektowagacentral.org">www.cheektowagacentral.org</a>
8	Clarence Central	Clarence, 14031	3	<a href="http://www.clarenceschools.org">www.clarenceschools.org</a>
9	Cleveland Hill Union Free	Cheektowaga, 14225	62	<a href="http://www.clevelandhill.wnyric.org">www.clevelandhill.wnyric.org</a>
10	Depew Union Free	Depew, 14043	34	<a href="http://www.depewschools.org">www.depewschools.org</a>
11	East Aurora Union Free	East Aurora, 14052	1	<a href="http://www.eastaurosaschools.org">www.eastaurosaschools.org</a>
12	Eden Central	Eden, 14057	20	<a href="http://www.edencsd.org">www.edencsd.org</a>
13	Evans-Brant Central (Lake Shore Central)	Angola, 14006	74	<a href="http://www.lakeshore.wnyric.org">www.lakeshore.wnyric.org</a>
14	Frontier Central	Hamburg, 14075	17	<a href="http://www.frontier.wnyric.org">www.frontier.wnyric.org</a>
15	Gowanda Central	Gowanda, 14070	78	<a href="http://www.gowcsd.org">www.gowcsd.org</a>
16	Grand Island Central	Grand Island, 14072	14	<a href="http://www.k12.ginet.org">www.k12.ginet.org</a>
17	Hamburg Central	Hamburg, 14075	10	<a href="http://www.hamburgschools.org">www.hamburgschools.org</a>
18	Holland Central	Holland, 14080	24	<a href="http://www.holland.wnyric.org">www.holland.wnyric.org</a>
19	Iroquois Central	Elma, 14059	6	<a href="http://www.iroquoiscsd.org">www.iroquoiscsd.org</a>
20	Kenmore-Tonawanda Union Free	Kenmore, 14223	68	<a href="http://www.kenton.k12.ny.us">www.kenton.k12.ny.us</a>
21	Lackawanna City	Lackawanna, 14218	96	<a href="http://www.lackawannaschools.org">www.lackawannaschools.org</a>
22	Lancaster Central	Lancaster, 14086	9	<a href="http://www.lancasterschools.org">www.lancasterschools.org</a>
23	North Collins Central	North Collins, 14111	37	<a href="http://www.northcollins.com">www.northcollins.com</a>
24	Orchard Park Central	Orchard Park, 14127	4	<a href="http://www.opschools.org">www.opschools.org</a>
25	Springville-Griffith Institute	Springville, 14141	29	<a href="http://www.springvillegi.org">www.springvillegi.org</a>
26	Sweet Home Central	Amherst, 14228	32	<a href="http://www.shs.k12.ny.us">www.shs.k12.ny.us</a>
27	Tonawanda City	Tonawanda, 14150	54	<a href="http://www.tonawandacsd.org">www.tonawandacsd.org</a>
28	West Seneca Central	West Seneca, 14224	39	<a href="http://www.wscschools.org">www.wscschools.org</a>
29	Williamsville Central	East Amherst, 14051	2	<a href="http://www.williamsvillek12.org">www.williamsvillek12.org</a>
30	Yorkshire-Pioneer Central	Yorkshire, 14173	51	<a href="http://www.pioneerschools.org">www.pioneerschools.org</a>

\*Business First (2018) has rated the academic performances of 96 public school districts in Western New York, based on four years of test data from the New York State Education Department. For the purpose of this guide, this table only displays those districts that fall within Erie & Niagara counties. This is why the numbers are not consecutive, skipping those districts that fall outside this two-county region.





## Buffalo Public Schools

- The Buffalo Public Schools system — the largest in the region — serves about 31,400 students through its public, charter, and specialty schools, with a broadly diverse student body that's representative of families from 45 countries who now call Buffalo Niagara home.
- The Buffalo Public School District includes alternative schools such as Bennett Park Montessori, Emerson High School (culinary arts and hospitality industry programs), Buffalo Academy of Visual and Performing Arts, and City Honors School, which is consistently ranked among the top schools in the country by sources such as Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report.

## Enrollment Requirements

Families must provide the following documents to register new or returning students in Buffalo public schools:

- Two proofs of family residency:
  - *NYS driver's / non-driver's license*
  - *Utility bill*
  - *Pay stub*
  - *Notice of Decision Statement from the Erie County Department of Social Services*
- Certified birth certificate which includes parent(s) name or I-94 card (including Immigration Family Page)
- Up-to-date immunization record
- Latest report card (grades 1-8), official transcript (grades 9-12), and special education documents, if applicable
- Parent / legal guardian photo identification
- Legal guardianship or custody papers (if the child does not reside with the biological parent)
- Proof of physical examination within the last year (due to school within 30 days)

## SAY YES BUFFALO

With a mission of increasing high school graduation and post-secondary completion rates for children in the City of Buffalo's public and charter schools, Buffalo is one of few cities in the country to offer a remarkable program — Say Yes to Education — to its graduates.

Say Yes Buffalo offers Buffalo public and charter school graduates tuition and grants to attend college and post-secondary programs at more than 150 colleges and universities, including all colleges in the State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) systems, top-ranked Ivy League schools like Harvard University, Cornell University, and Yale University; and top technological schools like Rochester Institute of Technology and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Say Yes Buffalo and its partners coordinate other supports to students from pre-K through college completion, to help them achieve high school graduation and attain Say Yes Buffalo scholarships and grants, including physical and mental health services, legal services, mentors, and internships.

Say Yes Buffalo is a local partnership that brings together the Buffalo Public School District, the District Parent Coordinating Council, the Buffalo Teachers Federation, the Buffalo Association of Administrators and Supervisors, the City of Buffalo, Erie County, higher education, and Say Yes to Education, Inc., with a diverse group of Buffalo area corporate, non-profit, and philanthropic organizations.





# CHARTER SCHOOLS

Within the Buffalo Niagara region, several charter schools serve students at all grade levels. Each of these schools offers a particular academic, pre-professional, or character-building focus in addition to the standard school curriculum. Charter schools are open to Buffalo Public Schools students. Admission may be dependent on geographic location, lottery, or both.

DISTRICT	GRADE	CITY	WEBSITE
<b>BUFFALO CSD</b>			
Aloma D. Johnson Charter School	K - 4	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.fruitbeltcharter.org">www.fruitbeltcharter.org</a>
Buffalo Academy of Science	7 - 12	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.bascs.org">www.bascs.org</a>
Buffalo United Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.buffalounitedcharterschool.org">www.buffalounitedcharterschool.org</a>
Elmwood Village Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.elmwoodvillageschool.org">www.elmwoodvillageschool.org</a>
Enterprise Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.enterprisecharter.org">www.enterprisecharter.org</a>
Health Sciences Charter School	9 - 12	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.healthsciencescharterschool.org">www.healthsciencescharterschool.org</a>
King Center Charter School	K - 6	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.kingcentercharterschool.org">www.kingcentercharterschool.org</a>
Oracle Charter School	9 - 12	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.oraclecharterschool.org">www.oraclecharterschool.org</a>
South Buffalo Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.southbuffalocs.org">www.southbuffalocs.org</a>
Tapestry Charter School	K - 12	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.tapestryschool.org">www.tapestryschool.org</a>
West Buffalo Charter School	K - 2	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.westbuffalocharter.org">www.westbuffalocharter.org</a>
Western New York Maritime Charter School	9 - 12	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.wnymcs9-12.com">www.wnymcs9-12.com</a>
Westminster Community Charter School	K - 8	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.westminsterccs.org">www.westminsterccs.org</a>
<b>KENMORE-TONAWANDA UFSD</b>			
Charter School for Applied Technologies	K - 12	Buffalo	<a href="http://www.csat-k12.org/csatsat">www.csat-k12.org/csatsat</a>
<b>LACKAWANNA CSD</b>			
Global Concepts Charter School	K - 9	Lackawanna	<a href="http://www.globalccs.org">www.globalccs.org</a>
<b>NIAGARA-WHEATFIELD CSD</b>			
Niagara Charter School	K - 6	Niagara Falls	<a href="http://www.niagaracharter.org">www.niagaracharter.org</a>

The Office of State Assessment (OSA) is responsible for the coordination, development, and implementation of the Grade 3-8 tests, Regents Examinations, Regents Competency Tests, Second Language Proficiency Examinations, Alternate Assessments, and English Language Proficiency assessments that comprise the New York State Testing Program (NYSTP). These examinations are administered to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 enrolled in public, nonpublic, and charter schools throughout the state.

The OSA develops and administers tests that are aligned with the New York State Learning Standards and Core Curriculum, and are consistent with state and federal mandates.

## TESTS GIVEN:

### ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL STUDENTS

- Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Test
- Grades 3-8 Mathematics Tests
- Grades 4 and 8 Elementary- and Intermediate-Level Science Tests

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Regents Examinations
  - English Language Arts
  - Mathematics
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Foreign Languages
- Regents Competency Tests (RCTs)

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

- English as a Second Language Test (NYSESLAT)
- Language Assessment Battery - Revised (LAB-R)

### STUDENTS WITH SEVERE COGNITIVE DISABILITIES

- New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA)



## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Private school options around Western New York are plentiful and many serve particular needs or interests. These include Aurora Waldorf in East Aurora, Gow School for children with learning disabilities, New York State School for the Blind in Batavia, and St. Mary's School for the Deaf — a renowned campus serving children and young adults for more than a century.

The City of Buffalo is also home to several diverse private and parochial options, including the acclaimed Nichols School, Nardin Academy, Park School, Canisius High School, and Buffalo Seminary.

### Catholic Schools, Diocese of Buffalo

When it comes to education, we know parents have many choices. Families of all faiths who have chosen the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Buffalo have discovered outstanding education, leadership and spiritual guidance for their children — a tradition since 1847.

More than 60 Catholic elementary, middle and high schools are located in Erie and Niagara County. A complete list can be accessed at: [www.wnycatholicschools.org](http://www.wnycatholicschools.org)

SCHOOL	GRADES	AFFILIATION	WEBSITE
Amherst Christian Academy	PK - 12	Christian Fundamental	<a href="http://www.amherstchristian.org">www.amherstchristian.org</a>
New Creation Fellowship Academy	K - 12	Christian Fundamental	<a href="http://www.ncfacademy.org">www.ncfacademy.org</a>
The Baptist School	PK - 12	Christian, Baptist	<a href="http://www.tbseagles.com">www.tbseagles.com</a>
Center Road Christian Academy	K - 12	Christian, Baptist	<a href="http://www.centerroadbaptistchurch.com/academy.html">www.centerroadbaptistchurch.com/academy.html</a>
Old Time Baptist Academy	K - 11	Christian, Baptist	<a href="http://oldtimebaptist.com/ministries/academy">oldtimebaptist.com/ministries/academy</a>
West Seneca Christian School	PK - 12	Christian, Baptist	<a href="http://www.gowscs.com">www.gowscs.com</a>
Catholic Schools, Diocese of Buffalo (60+ schools, see website)	K - 12	Christian, Catholic	<a href="http://www.wnycatholicschools.org">www.wnycatholicschools.org</a>
Christian Academy of Western New York	PK - 12	Christian, Interdenominational	<a href="http://www.cawny.com">www.cawny.com</a>
Christian Central Academy	K - 12	Christian, Interdenominational, College Preparatory	<a href="http://www.christianca.com">www.christianca.com</a>
St. Peter Lutheran School, North Ridge	PK - K	Christian, Lutheran	<a href="http://www.stpeternorthridge.org/index.php/preschool">www.stpeternorthridge.org/index.php/preschool</a>
Holy Ghost Lutheran School	PK - 8	Christian, Lutheran	<a href="http://www.holyghostlcms.org">www.holyghostlcms.org</a>
St. Matthew Lutheran School	PK - 8	Christian, Lutheran	<a href="http://www.stmatthewlutheran.net">www.stmatthewlutheran.net</a>
St. Peter's Lutheran School	PK - 8	Christian, Lutheran	<a href="http://www.discoverstpeters.org">www.discoverstpeters.org</a>
Trinity Lutheran School	PK - 8	Christian, Lutheran	<a href="http://www.thinktrinitychristian.com">www.thinktrinitychristian.com</a>
St. John Lutheran School	K - 8	Christian, Lutheran	<a href="http://www.stjohnnt.com">www.stjohnnt.com</a>
New Life Christian School	PK - 12	Christian, Pentecostal	<a href="http://nlcupc.com/school">nlcupc.com/school</a>
Universal School	PK - 8	Islamic	<a href="http://www.myuniversalschool.org">www.myuniversalschool.org</a>
Darul-Uloom Academy	K - 3	Islamic	<a href="http://www.madania.org">www.madania.org</a>
Jewish Heritage Day School of Buffalo	PK - 8	Judaism	<a href="http://www.jbuff.com/educatio.htm">www.jbuff.com/educatio.htm</a>
Kadimah Academy	PK - 8	Judaism	<a href="http://www.kadimah.org">www.kadimah.org</a>
East Aurora Montessori School	PK - K	Montessori	<a href="http://www.eamontessori.com">www.eamontessori.com</a>
Gow School	7 - 12	Private, Boarding School, Learning disabilities	<a href="http://www.gow.org">www.gow.org</a>
Aurora Waldorf School	PK - 8	Private, Independent	<a href="http://www.aurorawaldorfnry.org">www.aurorawaldorfnry.org</a>
Elmwood Franklin School	PK - 8	Private, Independent	<a href="http://www.elmwoodfranklin.org">www.elmwoodfranklin.org</a>
Park School of Buffalo	PK - 12	Private, Independent, College Preparatory	<a href="http://www.theparkschool.org">www.theparkschool.org</a>
Buffalo Seminary	9 - 12	Private, Independent, College Preparatory	<a href="http://www.buffaloseminary.org">www.buffaloseminary.org</a>
Nichols School	5 - 12	Private, Independent, College Preparatory	<a href="http://www.nicholsschool.org">www.nicholsschool.org</a>
Buffalo Suburban Christian Academy	1 - 8	Seventh Day/Christian	<a href="http://www.buffalosuburban22.adventistschoolconnect.org">www.buffalosuburban22.adventistschoolconnect.org</a>
League for the Handicapped Center	PK - 2	Special Needs	<a href="http://www.preschoollearningcenter.org">www.preschoollearningcenter.org</a>
Aspire of Western New York	-	Special Needs	<a href="http://www.aspirewny.org">www.aspirewny.org</a>
CHC Learning Center	-	Special Needs	<a href="http://www.chcrainbow.com">www.chcrainbow.com</a>
New York State School for the Blind	-	Special Needs	<a href="http://www.p12.nysed.gov">www.p12.nysed.gov</a>
Saint Mary's School for the Deaf	-	Special Needs	<a href="http://www.smsdk12.org">www.smsdk12.org</a>
Stanley G. Falk School - Buffalo	-	Special Needs	<a href="http://www.falkschool.com">www.falkschool.com</a>
Summit Educational Resources, Inc.	-	Special Needs	<a href="http://www.summitted.org">www.summitted.org</a>
Gateway-Longview Lynde School	K - 12	Special Needs, Behavioral/Mental Health Residential Services	<a href="http://www.gateway-longview.org">www.gateway-longview.org</a>
Henrietta G. Lewis Campus School	K - 12	Special Needs, Behavioral/Mental Health Residential Services	<a href="http://www.fosteringgood.org/our-services#education">www.fosteringgood.org/our-services#education</a>
Baker Hall School	-	Special Needs, Behavioral/Mental Health Residential Services	<a href="http://www.bakervictoryservices.org">www.bakervictoryservices.org</a>
Cantalian Center for Learning	-	Special Needs, Catholic	<a href="http://www.cantalian.org">www.cantalian.org</a>





# Child Care & After School

Excellent child-care programs — offered through private organizations, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs, Jewish Community Centers, and more — include educational enrichment, sports clubs, year-long activities, and summer camps to keep kids happy and engaged.

## Child Care Resource Network

The Child Care Resource Network is a not-for-profit agency that works with New York State, Erie County, the City of Buffalo, federal agencies, the business community, and private foundations to improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of child care throughout the region. The agency brings together parents, child care providers, community members, businesses, and the government to develop and support accessible and affordable quality early care and education for families and children in Buffalo and Erie County.  
[www.wnychildren.org](http://www.wnychildren.org)

## Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Buffalo and Western New York have strong Boys & Girls Clubs affiliates that serve thousands of children every day through after-school and weekend programs focusing on educational enrichment, personal development, health and wellness, and sports and play.  
[www.bgcbuffalo.org](http://www.bgcbuffalo.org)

## YMCA Buffalo Niagara

Nationally, the YMCA is the largest provider of child care in the country. Locally, each branch of YMCA Buffalo Niagara provides school age child care year round, serving nearly 3,000 children at over 50 sites.  
[www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org](http://www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org)

## Summer Camps

From short-term sports, arts, educational enrichment, and personal development day camps to traditional longer-term overnight camps, there are dozens of programs offered throughout the summer for kids of all ages, interests, and abilities.  
[buffalo.kidsoutandabout.com](http://buffalo.kidsoutandabout.com)

Once you've narrowed down a list of providers, get details about their license to provide care. Each child care facility's regulatory history of inspections and reports are available online.

Visit the facilities. Go when children are there so you can see how the care giver treats children, what kinds of activities are available, and how problems are handled. Once you place your child in care, stay involved, and keep asking questions.

Look carefully at facilities that have a pool or are near lakes, creeks, and other bodies of water. The caregiver can explain how they ensure the safety of children in and around these bodies of water.

Discuss any concerns with the caregiver. Respect the caregiver's time. Their main responsibility is working with the children. If you need more time to talk about your child, set up a conference.



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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a red and white striped shirt, is smiling and looking down at a basket of apples. Two young girls, also wearing striped shirts, are holding apples and looking at them. They are in an orchard with green leaves and red apples. The background is a bright blue sky.

# SETTLE IN FOR A WHILE

**#1 MOST  
FRIENDLY CITY**

- Travel + Leisure (2017)





Buffalo has an amazing combination of **big-city feel and rural escape** that fits our lifestyle perfectly. We are choosing to raise our children here and start our business here because of the **environment of friendliness and optimism.**



**Alexandra Plante**

*Owner, Kin Loch Farmstead*

From Brooklyn

**Relocating is exciting — when it's not stressful and busy. Here are many of the resources you need to settle in quickly so you can move on to the fun things.**

### ***TIPS for Settling In***

- Write down three or four goals to achieve in your new city.
- Continue all your special family celebrations and traditions.
- Share some of your family's recipes and cultural aspects with new acquaintances and neighbors.
- Give everyone in the family manageable moving chores (taking care of practical matters will take the edge off of homesickness).
- Keep a log of new experiences and accomplishments. Join an athletic club or special interest group.
- Get involved in community and religious organizations, especially those that sponsor activities, volunteer efforts, and programs for newcomers.
- Learn about the local government, issues, and policies.
- Take one day at a time.

# Getting Acquainted

## NEW YORK STATE'S DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)

New York State's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires that new residents apply for a driver's license and register vehicles within 30 days of relocation. For information, including what you'll need and fees, visit [www.dmv.ny.gov](http://www.dmv.ny.gov). This website also has information for non-U.S. citizens to determine whether a state license is needed. There are numerous NYSDMV offices throughout the region and appointments are available to ensure a quick and easy visit.

Department of Motor Vehicles | (800) 225-5368 | [www.dmv.ny.gov](http://www.dmv.ny.gov)

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Anywhere in Western New York, dial 911 to reach emergency police, fire, and ambulance/medical assistance. The City of Buffalo has its own police department, fire department and other emergency services, as do some other cities and suburbs. In many cases, the New York State Police (state troopers) assist with public safety. Assistance is available through:

- **New York State Police**  
[www.troopers.state.ny.us](http://www.troopers.state.ny.us)
- **Emergency Services**  
[www2.erie.gov/emergencyservices/](http://www2.erie.gov/emergencyservices/)
- **Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services**  
[www.dhses.ny.gov](http://www.dhses.ny.gov)
- **Niagara County Emergency Services**  
[www.niagaracounty.com/fire](http://www.niagaracounty.com/fire)
- **Erie County Central Police Services**  
[www2.erie.gov/cps/](http://www2.erie.gov/cps/)
- **Niagara County Sheriff's Office**  
[www.niagarasheriff.com](http://www.niagarasheriff.com)



## PET REQUIREMENTS

All dogs over four months old must be registered with a valid license that proves current rabies vaccination. Contact town clerks or city hall for current information. As pet licensing requirements vary by municipality, it's recommended that pet owners contact your local town clerk or city hall to find out the most current information to ensure that you and your pet are in compliance.

- **Erie County SPCA** | (716) 875-7360
- **Niagara County SPCA** | (716) 731-4368





## BANKS

Western New York has many financial institutions, ranging from local credit unions to large, international banks for commercial and personal accounts. Important considerations when choosing include availability of automatic transfer machines (ATMs), fees and interest rates, availability of account bundles (checking and savings, for example), and loans.

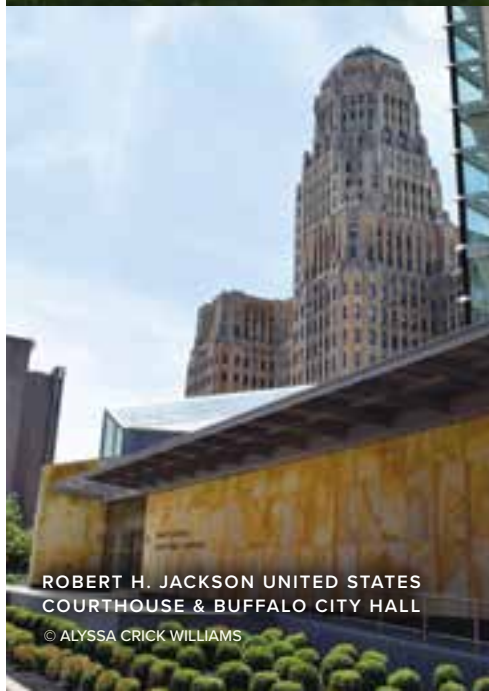
## LIBRARIES

You'll find a library in nearly every town center in WNY. The largest system, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library system (BECPL), includes the Central Library in downtown Buffalo and more than 35 branch libraries throughout Erie County. There's much more than books, magazines, and electronic media at our libraries — they're community centers for education, entertainment, and public forums. There's no cost to get a library card (identification is required to obtain one, so bring valid ID with you) and one card is good at all libraries in the BECPL system.

Other Western New York counties also have library systems (in some cases, they may share resources, as with the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System). In addition, nearly all of our college and university libraries are open for your use as research resources (lending privileges may be limited, however, so please check). With New York State identification and the OverDrive app, you also have access to the New York Public Library.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration is handled through county boards of elections. You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and have been registered at your new address for at least 25 days prior to election (please visit the website, [www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov) for more information). You may be able to register through the Department of Motor Vehicles when you update your driver's license and registration in New York State.



## UTILITIES

If you're buying a home, you'll likely need electric, gas, and water. If you're renting an apartment, ask your landlord which utilities are included and what you're responsible for. And don't forget phone and internet service.

### Electricity

**National Grid**  
(800) 642-4272  
[www.nationalgridus.com](http://www.nationalgridus.com)

**New York State Electric & Gas Co. (NYSEG)**  
(800) 572-1111  
[www.nyseg.com](http://www.nyseg.com)

### Gas

**National Fuel**  
(716) 686-6123  
[www.natfuel.com](http://www.natfuel.com)

### Internet & Telephone

**AT&T**  
(800) 205-6268  
[www.att.com](http://www.att.com)

**Spectrum**  
(800) 892-4357  
[www.spectrum.com](http://www.spectrum.com)

**Verizon**  
(800) 837-4966  
[www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)

### Cable Television

**Spectrum**  
(800) 892-4357  
[www.spectrum.com](http://www.spectrum.com)

**Verizon FIOS TV**  
(800) 837-4966  
[www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)

### Satellite Television

**DirectTV**  
(800) 595-4101  
[www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)

**DISH Network**  
(800) 823-4929  
[www.dishnetwork.com](http://www.dishnetwork.com)

# Healthcare

## HOSPITALS, SPECIALIZED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Bertrand Chaffee Hospital	716-592-2871	<a href="http://www.bertrandchaffee.com">www.bertrandchaffee.com</a>
Brooks Memorial Hospital	716-366-1111	<a href="http://www.brookshospital.org">www.brookshospital.org</a>
Buffalo General Medical Center	716-859-2840	<a href="http://www.kaleidahealth.org">www.kaleidahealth.org</a>
Cuba Memorial Hospital	585-968-2000	<a href="http://www.cubamemorial.org">www.cubamemorial.org</a>
DeGraff Memorial Hospital	716-694-4500	<a href="http://www.kaleidahealth.org">www.kaleidahealth.org</a>
Eastern Niagara Hospital	716-514-5700	<a href="http://www.enhs.org">www.enhs.org</a>
Erie County Medical Center	716-898-3000	<a href="http://www.ecmc.edu">www.ecmc.edu</a>
Jones Memorial Hospital	585-596-4119	<a href="http://www.jmhny.org">www.jmhny.org</a>
Kenmore Mercy Hospital	716-447-6100	<a href="http://www.chsbuffalo.org">www.chsbuffalo.org</a>
Lake Shore Health Care Center	716-951-7000	<a href="http://www.tlchealth.org">www.tlchealth.org</a>
Medina Memorial Hospital	585-798-2000	<a href="http://www.medinamemorial.org">www.medinamemorial.org</a>
Mercy Hospital of Buffalo	716-826-7000	<a href="http://www.chsbuffalo.org">www.chsbuffalo.org</a>
Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital	716-568-3600	<a href="http://www.kaleidahealth.org">www.kaleidahealth.org</a>
Mount St. Mary's Hospital and Health Center	716-297-4800	<a href="http://www.chsbuffalo.org">www.chsbuffalo.org</a>
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center	716-278-4000	<a href="http://www.nfmmc.org">www.nfmmc.org</a>
Olean General Hospital	716-373-2600	<a href="http://www.ogh.org">www.ogh.org</a>
Roswell Park Cancer Institute	716-845-2300	<a href="http://www.roswellpark.org">www.roswellpark.org</a>
Sisters of Charity Hospital	716-862-1000	<a href="http://www.chsbuffalo.org">www.chsbuffalo.org</a>
Sisters of Charity Hospital - St. Joseph Campus	716-891-2400	<a href="http://www.chsbuffalo.org">www.chsbuffalo.org</a>
United Memorial Medical Center	585-343-6030	<a href="http://www.unmc.org">www.unmc.org</a>
VA Western New York Healthcare System	716-834-9200	<a href="http://www.buffalo.va.gov">www.buffalo.va.gov</a>
WCA Hospital	716-487-0141	<a href="http://www.wcahospital.org">www.wcahospital.org</a>
Westfield Memorial Hospital	716-326-4921	<a href="http://www.wmhinc.org">www.wmhinc.org</a>
Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo	716-878-7470	<a href="http://www.kaleidahealth.org">www.kaleidahealth.org</a>
Wyoming County Community Health System	585-786-2233	<a href="http://www.wcchs.net">www.wcchs.net</a>

## URGENT CARE FACILITIES

Buffalo Niagara has a robust network of urgent-care centers found throughout the region for those times when healthcare needs are serious but not life threatening:

- **Western New York Immediate Care**  
[www.wnyimmediatecare.com](http://www.wnyimmediatecare.com)
- **Pediatric and Adolescent Urgent Care of Western New York**  
[www.pedsurgentcare.com](http://www.pedsurgentcare.com)
- **MASH Urgent Care**  
[www.mashurgentcare.com](http://www.mashurgentcare.com)

## INSURERS

Health insurance is often offered by employers, and there are many options for the self-employed or employees of small businesses through direct-pay programs offered by the area's major insurers. There are also supplemented plans available for eligible small-business employees and their families; information on these programs is available through the New York State Health Insurance Exchange.

- **BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York**  
[www.bcbswny.com](http://www.bcbswny.com)
- **Univera Health Care**  
[www.univerahealthcare.com](http://www.univerahealthcare.com)
- **Independent Health**  
[www.independenthealth.com](http://www.independenthealth.com)
- **New York State Health Insurance Exchange**  
[nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://nystateofhealth.ny.gov)

## Finding a Doctor

Moving to a new city is exciting, but it also requires finding the grocery store you like, the schools your kids will attend, and the healthcare practitioners that fit the needs of your family. The following is a list of local and national physician resources where you can search for general physicians, by location, specialty, and more:

**American Medical Association**  
Resource for general health information, as well as a search function for local physician resources under the "Patients" tab of site.  
[www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org)

**American Academy of Pediatrics**  
National website for children's health resources; separate "Parenting Corner" website is a comprehensive site for health-related news, questions, and other topics.  
[www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)  
[www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org)

**New York State Medical Society**  
Listing of member physicians across the state, as well as information on general health resources.  
[www.mssny.org](http://www.mssny.org)

**Erie County Medical Society**  
[www.eriemds.org](http://www.eriemds.org)

**Niagara County Medical Society**  
[www.niagaracountrymedicalsociety.org](http://www.niagaracountrymedicalsociety.org)

## Niagara Health Quality Coalition

For residents of Niagara County, this organization can help you find the care you need, where you need it. Developed to help drive care quality, this coalition provides facility, caregiver evaluations, and more.

[www.nhqc.com](http://www.nhqc.com) | (716) 250-6472



# BUFFALO NIAGARA MEDICAL CAMPUS

The Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus is a dynamic consortium of world-class hospitals and health care providers, exceptional education institutions, and innovative research facilities. Made up of ten members and surrounding neighborhoods, the Medical Campus is home to hundreds of physicians, clinicians, scientists, and researchers, many of whom are world-renowned in the practices of oncology, neurosurgery, immunology, vascular surgery, personalized medicine, cardiology, and beyond. BNMC's hospitals and clinics offer comprehensive care, research affiliations, and clinical trials.

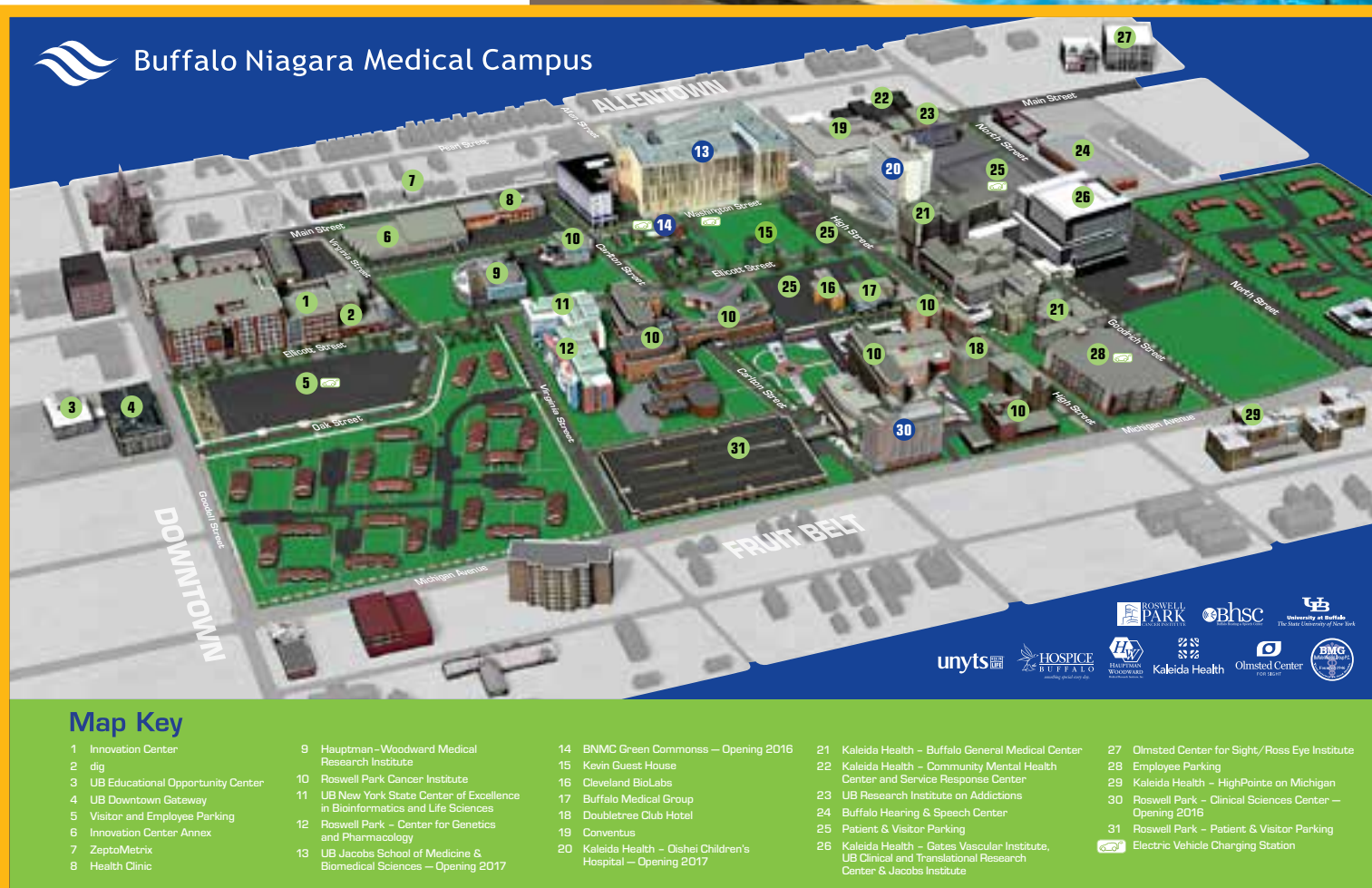
Consortium institutions and organizations include the University at Buffalo Medical School, Kaleida Health, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center, Buffalo Medical Group, Olmsted Center for Sight, ConnectLife Blood & Organ Donor Network, the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, and Oishei Children's Hospital.

[www.bnmc.org](http://www.bnmc.org)



BUFFALO NIAGARA MEDICAL CAMPUS

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# Media Resources

## ALT MEDIA

To get in touch with your new hometown and the happenings within it, follow these alternative media sources, bloggers, and local influencers keeping you in the know. For a full list of Buffalo bloggers, go to: [buffalobloggingnetwork.com](http://buffalobloggingnetwork.com)



**BUFFALO RISING**

Instagram @BUFFALORISING

Twitter @BUFFALORISING



**RISE COLLABORATIVE**

Instagram @RISECOLLAB

Twitter @RISECOLLABORATIVE



**STEP OUT BUFFALO**

Instagram @STEPOUTBFLO

Twitter @STEPOUTBUFFALO



**BUFFALO BOSS BABES**

Instagram @BUFFALOBOSBABES



**BECKI AND CHRIS**

Instagram @BECKIANDCHRIS

YouTube BECKI AND CHRIS



**BILLY & PAT**

YouTube BILLY & PAT



**NICKEL CITY PRETTY**

Instagram @NICKELCITYPRETTY



**BUFFALOVE BIRDS**

Instagram @BUFFALOVEBIRDS

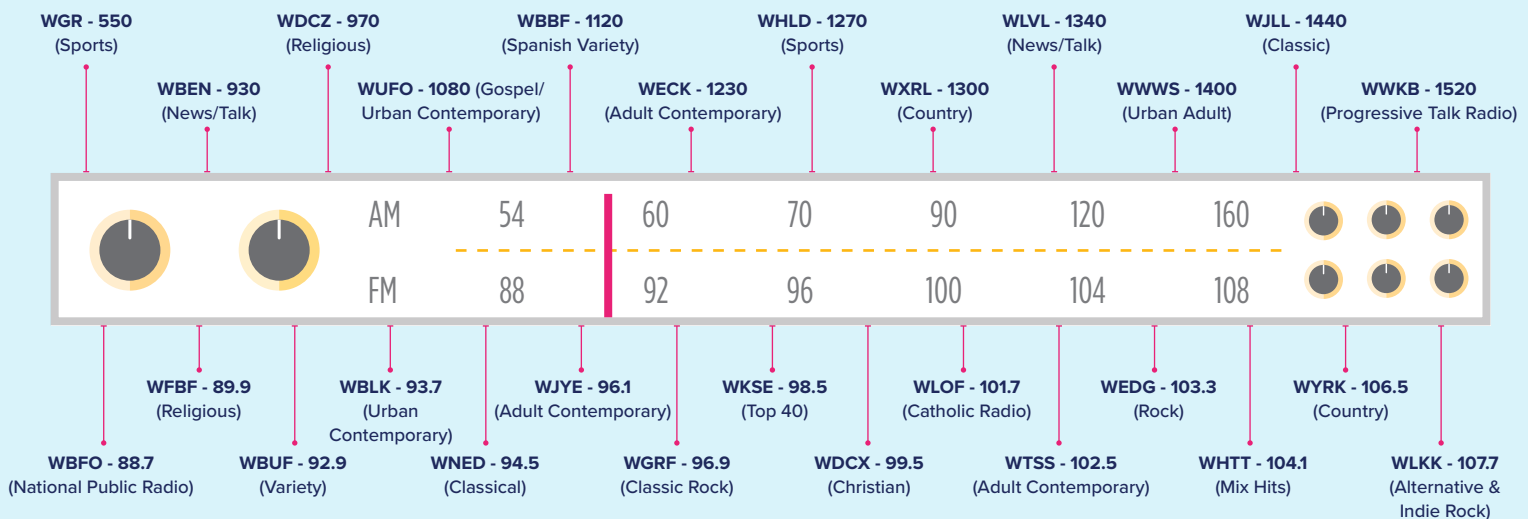
## RADIO & TV

Sure, you have cable television and satellite radio — but when you want local information, here are the radio and television stations you need.

### Broadcast TV channels

- **WGRZ** – NBC Affiliate Channel 2
- **WIVB** – CBS Affiliate Channel 4
- **WKBW** – ABC Affiliate Channel 7
- **WUTV** – FOX Affiliate Channel 29
- **WNED** – PBS Affiliate Channel 17

### AM/FM Radio





# Instagrammable Places

 SHARK GIRL



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 GREETINGS FROM BUFFALO



 #Buffalove

 PINK STAIRS AT MISUTA CHOW'S



 #PrettyInPink

 LABBATT TOWERS AT RIVERWORKS



 Tall boys

 NIAGARA FALLS



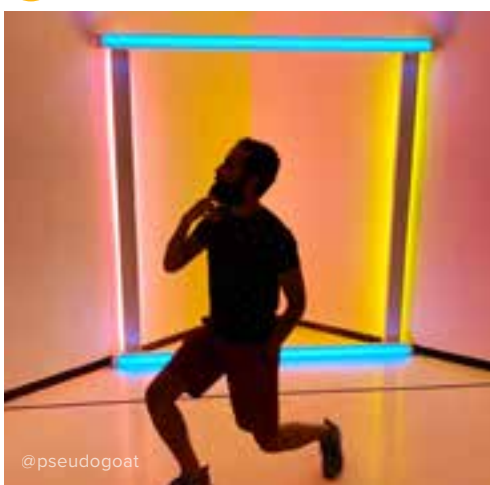
 Wonder of the World

 WILKESON POINTE



 On the water

 ALBRIGHT-KNOX ART GALLERY



 #Artsy

 ETERNAL FLAME – CHESTNUT RIDGE



 #WeDidntStartTheFire

 REC ROOM



 Night out #NotoriousBFLO

# Cost of Living Comparison

Want to know how living in Buffalo Niagara compares to other cities, in terms of how far your paycheck will go? An individual would need to make "x" (the salary listed in the right column) in the corresponding metro region, to have the same standard of living making \$60,000 in Buffalo Niagara.

## HALF-GALLON OF MILK

**BUFFALO** | **SAN FRANCISCO**  
**\$1.65** | **\$3.73**

## 6-PACK BEER

**BUFFALO** | **NEW YORK CITY**  
**\$9.31** | **\$11.99**

## DOZEN EGGS

**BUFFALO** | **PHILADELPHIA**  
**\$1.49** | **\$2.36**

## COFFEE

**BUFFALO** | **SAN FRANCISCO**  
**\$4.13** | **\$6.85**

METRO AREA	SALARY
New York	\$157,278
San Francisco	\$124,240
Seattle	\$97,974
Boston	\$94,936
Los Angeles	\$93,797
San Diego	\$93,038
Chicago	\$77,974
Baltimore	\$73,987
Philadelphia	\$71,772
Denver	\$71,645
Minneapolis	\$67,278
Dallas	\$66,708
Pittsburgh	\$62,721
Cleveland	\$62,025
Phoenix	\$61,645
Charlotte	\$61,392
Detroit	\$60,189
Kansas City	\$60,126
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

Source: Council for Community & Economic Research; Cost of Living Index (2017)



**81.7%**  
 OF HOMES AFFORDABLE  
 TO FAMILIES MAKING  
 MEDIAN INCOME

Source: National Association of Home Builders  
 - Housing Opportunity Index - Q4 2017

**\$154,200**  
 MEDIAN HOME PRICE

Source: National Association of Realtors  
 - Median Home Price - Q4 2018

**COST OF LIVING = 94.8**  
**5.2%** BELOW  
 NATIONAL AVERAGE

Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index - Q1 2018



## SHOP LOCAL

Many towns — including Lewiston, Williamsville, and East Aurora — also offer wonderful village centers with outstanding specialty shops, restaurants, and farmers' markets.

Malls in Western New York attract both local and distant customers (particularly our Canadian neighbors). The Walden Galleria in Cheektowaga is the largest mall, with over 200 stores and restaurants. The Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA is a great place to find deeply discounted merchandise including designer fashions, high-end gifts, shoes, bags, and home goods.

Make your house feel like a home with some Buffalo-themed décor from one of the many Buffalo-boosting shops throughout the region.



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Economic Development  
in New York State.**

Our grant programs have provided over \$100 million in assistance, helping to create or retain 50,000 jobs in New York communities.

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# LIFE FOR THE BETTER

**#1 BEST CITY  
FOR A FRESH START**

- Lending Tree (2018)





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I’ve lived in 13 different cities and 7 different countries over the past 5 decades and **I’ve never been as happy as I am in Buffalo.**

From the very outset, I felt in tune with the friendliness, openness, and curious inquisitiveness of Buffalonians.”



**Janne Sirén**

*Director, Albright-Knox Art Gallery*

From Helsinki, Finland

**From swimming as the summer sun sets, ice skating under the winter stars, visiting world-class galleries, enjoying concerts or plays, taking in professional sports, or playing tennis in our parks, we’ve perfected quality of life in Buffalo Niagara.**

You’ll always find great ways to spend your free time whether you’re exploring solo, with the kids and grandparents, or simply hanging out with friends. Because everything’s easy to get to and more affordable than elsewhere, there’s no reason not to check out Buffalo Niagara’s ever-changing array of things to do.

As the region’s primary travel and tourism organizations, **Visit Buffalo Niagara** and **Niagara USA** are terrific resources for residents and visitors alike about events and attractions taking place throughout the year in Buffalo Niagara. They also have excellent information on restaurants, places to stay, and much more.



[www.visitbuffaloniagara.com](http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com)



[www.niagarafallsusa.com](http://www.niagarafallsusa.com)

# Arts & Culture

Buffalo Niagara is a cultural destination, with rich history, fine arts, and entertainment for every night of the week.

## MUSEUMS AND CULTURALS

Buffalo Niagara is an arts destination, particularly for the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, with its world-renowned modern and contemporary collection, including works by Pollock, Picasso and Rothko. Also check out the Burchfield Penney Art Center and the Castellani Art Museum at Niagara University for other impressive collections.

Looking for something fun to do with the kids? Try Buffalo Museum of Science, Explore & More Children's Museum at Canalside, the Buffalo Zoo, or Niagara Power Vista's interactive experience.

If history is your thing, start at the Buffalo History Museum — the building was actually part of the 1901 Pan Am Exposition. Take a walk through the local architectural masterpieces by Frank Lloyd Wright and other American giants; visit the building where Teddy Roosevelt was inaugurated.



ALBRIGHT-KNOX ART GALLERY

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LATE NIGHT INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT

© NATIONAL COMEDY CENTER



## History Tours

Discover the history of Buffalo aboard an authentic 65 passenger double decker bus or with a family scavenger hunt with trivia to answer and puzzles to solve. [Buffalohistorytours.com](http://Buffalohistorytours.com)

Explore Buffalo offers additional tours of the region by foot, bike, boat, and bus. [explorebuffalo.org](http://explorebuffalo.org)



ARCTIC EDGE EXHIBIT AT THE BUFFALO ZOO

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“Buffalo really is The City of Good Neighbors. I’ve had a fantastic experience getting to know people from many different backgrounds, identities, and worldviews – many of whom welcomed me to the area with open arms.”

### Thembi Duncan

*Director of Arts Engagement and Education  
Shea’s Performing Arts Center*



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## MUSIC & DANCE

Hear the renowned Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra or catch globally touring acts in concert at Artpark, Babeville, Town Ballroom, Tralf Music Hall and other regional venues. Buffalo is also home to a thriving local music scene, with many genres represented. Try Nietzsche’s on Allen Street or Sportsmen’s Tavern in the Black Rock neighborhood.

## THEATRE

National touring companies of many Broadway shows are booked at the famous Shea’s Performing Arts Center, which anchors Buffalo’s vibrant downtown theatre district. Buffalo Niagara features 34 performance theatres in total to take in a show at. At Shakespeare in the Park, catch one the Bard’s masterpieces for free.

Take in a poetry reading held inside one of Buffalo’s grain elevators-turned-performance space for a melding of Buffalo’s industrial past with its artistic present.



SHEA'S THEATRE INTERIOR

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EXPLORE & MORE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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# Arts & Culture

## ARCHITECTURE

Buffalo is globally recognized for its architectural gems, and is known for having fine representations of every style of building from 1900 to the present. Walk any block in the city to see beautifully crafted and detailed buildings. Greats like Frank Lloyd Wright, H.H. Richardson, Louis Sullivan, E.B. Green, and so many others made their imprint on the Queen City.

## PUBLIC ART

Public art is booming in Buffalo Niagara, with a mural or sculpture seemingly being unveiled every day. Use #AKPublicArt for your social media posts.



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FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT | DARWIN MARTIN HOUSE

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RICHARDSON OLMSTED CAMPUS | HOTEL HENRY

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## Makerspaces

Buffalo's arts and literary past includes historic greats like Mark Twain, Frank Lloyd Wright, and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Its future holds whatever YOUR next passion is. Here are some resources to help you along the way:

- Western New York Book Arts Center
- The Foundry
- Stitch Buffalo
- Squeaky Wheel
- Buffalo Arts Studio



HOTEL LAFAYETTE

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Louise Blanchard Bethune was America's first female architect and was based in Buffalo. Her masterpiece, Hotel Lafayette, has been restored and is a popular wedding and events venue, hotel, and apartment building, with ground-floor retail.



# Wining & Dining

Farm-to-table and upscale restaurants, eclectic food trucks, and hometown favorites happily coexist in Buffalo Niagara. There's a boom in Western New York craft breweries and distilleries; the region is also home to vineyards and wineries ready to be taste-tested. You'll be amazed by the diversity of products being made here, from delicious sour beers to Buffalo-style bourbon to sweet ice wine.

As with everything about Buffalo Niagara, the best way to find your new favorites is to get out and try them – most of our restaurants are quite affordable. There are far too many restaurants to list here and new ones are opening nearly every day. To get you started, here are some helpful websites with local restaurant listings and reviews:

Visit Buffalo Niagara restaurant listings: [visitbuffaloniagara.com/eat-drink](http://visitbuffaloniagara.com/eat-drink)

Buffalo Spree Restaurant Guide: [buffalospree.com/Buffero-Spree/Where-to-Eat](http://buffalospree.com/Buffero-Spree/Where-to-Eat)

Zomato: [www.zomato.com/buffalo](http://www.zomato.com/buffalo)

## America's 3<sup>rd</sup> Favorite FOOD CITY

- Travel & Leisure, 2017



BIG DITCH BREWERY

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## TASTY LOCAL TREATS

### WINGS

Chicken wings, originally served at Frank and Teresa's Anchor Bar. Often served with carrots, celery sticks, and blue cheese dip.

### BEEF ON WECK

A roast beef sandwich on a salty kimmelweck roll with horseradish, considered a local delicacy.

### CHIAVETTA'S

Barbecued chicken, popular at lawn fetes and just about any other outdoor gathering, named for the catering company that provides the barbecue (and their signature vinegar-based marinade).

### FISH FRY

A breaded or beer-battered fish, traditionally served in most WNY restaurants on Friday, as an alternative to meats and a reflection of the area's strong Catholic heritage.

### PIEROGI

A Polish dumpling-esque dish traditionally filled with sauerkraut or can be filled with potatoes, cheese, onions, or meat. Can be boiled or fried.

### SPONGE CANDY

A chocolate candy with an airy, crunchy, caramelized sugar center.

### TEXAS HOTS

A style of hot dog known for its hot, spicy sauce. Texas hots originated in the kitchens of Buffalo's many Greek restaurants, not in Texas. Make sure it's a Sahlen's.

### BLUE

Labatt Blue, Buffalo is the beer company's U.S. headquarters.

### LOGANBERRY

A sweet, deep purple and un-carbonated fruit drink made from loganberry juice.

### TIMMY'S / TIMMY-HO

Shortened name for the regional coffee and donut chain, Tim Horton's. Possibly one of Canada's greatest gifts to America, along with hockey.

### POP

You may call it soda, but in Western New York, this is the word for any flavored carbonated beverage or soft drink.

# Wining & Dining

**“As an immigrant I have to say that Buffalo has not only welcomed me but made me feel like I belong. I love the energy of the current wave of investment. We carry ourselves with bravado, and yet we offer more handshakes and smiles to our neighbor than in most places I have lived.”**

## **Victor Parra Gonzalez**

*James Beard nominated chef-owner  
of Las Puertas*

From Acapulco, Mexico



Once you've found your favorite chicken wings (say it like a local: just “wings”—and NEVER “Buffalo wings”), try other regional favorites like beef on weck (thinly sliced roast beef on kimmelweck rolls—caraway seed-and-kosher salt-topped hard roles) and char-broiled hots (hot dogs grilled over coal). You can then sample the many incredible restaurants that offer foods for every taste.

You'll find outstanding restaurants with global influences, from Burma and Ethiopia to Korea and Poland, with a growing number of vegetarian, vegan, and all-organic eateries. We love our Italian food and pizza, and you'll find these restaurants—take-out and sit-down—in just about every neighborhood in Western New York.

## MARKETS

In Buffalo Niagara, you'll find lots of great delis, supermarkets, and farmers markets with fresh locally grown produce. Be sure to explore your neighborhood to find your favorite. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Dash's Market**
- **Lexington Cooperative Market**
- **Tops**
- **Trader Joe's**
- **Wegmans**
- **Whole Foods**
- **The Broadway Market**
- **Elmwood-Bidwell Farmers Market**
- **Farmers' markets in each corner of our region:**  
[www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/business-type/farms-markets](http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/business-type/farms-markets)

## U-Pick

Buffalo Niagara is full of lush farms with fresh produce ripe for the picking. Visit in the summer to pick berries or in the fall to get your apples and pumpkins.

- **Greg's U-Pick Farm**
- **Thorpe's Organic Family Farm**
- **Blueberry Treehouse Farm**
- **Blackman Homestead Farm**
- **Becker Farms**



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**51**  
Breweries

OUTSIDE DINING AT RESURGENCE BREWING

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# Wining & Dining



MISUTA CHOW'S ARCADE BAR

© JASON SORIA



VUE ROOFTOP LOUNGE AT CURTISS HOTEL

© CURTISS HOTEL

## WINGIN' IT

Buffalo's known for its chicken wings. In 1964, Teresa Bellissimo threw some food together for her son and his friends and that dish became the now famous dish served in bars across the country.

The Buffalo Wing Trail is the tastiest drive in America. Stop at 12 of the top spots tossing wings in Buffalo. Listen to podcast In The Buf as host Brian Hayden tries to find the best chicken wing in Buffalo. [www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/crawl/buffalo-wing-trail](http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/crawl/buffalo-wing-trail)

## NIAGARA WINE TRAIL

Start at Becker Farms and work your way through Niagara County for delicious tastings of locally grown and made wines, including those from Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, and Sauvignon Blanc grapes. [www.niagarawinetrail.org](http://www.niagarawinetrail.org)

## SOUTHERN TIER

Ellicottville and Hamburg have great village watering holes and Chautauqua County's abundance of grape farms make for an amazing palate journey through their trail of wineries.

## NIGHTLIFE

### Allen St.

Just north of the Central Business District is the perfect place to barhop, with dozens of bars playing an eclectic mix of music genres. Don't miss the late-night food spots.

### Hertel Ave.

Check out this North Buffalo district for new bars, long-time neighborhood staples, and even a cat café.

### W. Chippewa St.

The "Chip Strip" is lined with a variety of bars for a variety of tastes. A favorite for the younger crowd as well as theater-goers and those seeking a nightcap, you can find clubs, burger joints or a higher end wine bar all within strolling distance.

### Elmwood Ave.

Bars, breweries, and coffee shops dot the map along Elmwood Avenue all the way up to 100 Acres for a cocktail in the hip, new Hotel Henry.

The Swannie House in the Cobblestone District is Buffalo's longest running bar. They've been pouring beer for over 120 years.



# Sports & Play

From the **Buffalo Bills** (National Football League), **Buffalo Sabres** (National Hockey League), and **Buffalo Beauts** (National Women's Hockey League), to the **Buffalo Bandits** (National Lacrosse) and **Buffalo Bisons** (AAA-baseball affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays), our dedicated fans pack area arenas and stadiums. In addition, women's and men's collegiate teams from the University at Buffalo, St. Bonaventure University, Niagara University, and Canisius College are among the local competitors in football, basketball, and hockey that keep sports enthusiasts rooting along all year.

## FOOTBALL

BILLS: [buffalobills.com](http://buffalobills.com)

## HOCKEY

SABRES: [sabres.nhl.com](http://sabres.nhl.com)

BEAUTS: [beauts.nwhl.zone](http://beauts.nwhl.zone)

## BASEBALL

BISONS: [www.milb.com/buffalo](http://www.milb.com/buffalo)

## LACROSSE

BANDITS: [bandits.com](http://bandits.com)



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Prefer playing sports to watching them? There are countless community and school-based leagues with everything from softball to swimming to soccer, and from baseball to badminton to beach volleyball. So whether your interests (or your kids') include rowing or riding (bikes, dirt bikes, horses, snowmobiles), you'll find it all here in Western New York.



# THE NFL'S #1 TAILGATING CITY

— Yahoo, September 2015

THE BUFFALO BILLS PLAY THEIR HOME GAMES AT NEW ERA FIELD IN ORCHARD PARK.

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BUFFALO SABRES HOME GAME AT KEYBANK CENTER

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**“The cost of tickets is so reasonable. Our sports are accessible. I’m able to bring my daughter to Sabres, Bills, or Bandits games and have a great time.”**

**Kelley Bilz**

IT Business Analyst  
Independent Health



BUFFALO BIONS AT SAHLEN FIELD

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# Outdoors & Healthy Living

## PARK IT

Buffalo has an entire park system designed by Frederick Law Olmsted — that's the same guy who designed New York City's Central Park. He thought the purpose of green space was "to refresh and delight the eye and through the eye, the mind and the spirit."

Upon touring the City of Buffalo in 1868, he convinced local leaders that not one park — as in New York City's Central Park — but multiple parks would better serve Buffalo's needs. In all, there are six major parks, seven parkways, and eight circles where residents make daily use of playgrounds, basketball courts, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, golf courses, running tracks, tennis courts, paths, trails, and a lot more.

Buffalo Niagara has many non-Olmsted designed parks across its region as well. Letchworth State Park is often referred to as "The Grand Canyon of the East." And the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Centennial Park is currently under a \$100 million reimagining along Buffalo's waterfront.

## DOG PARKS

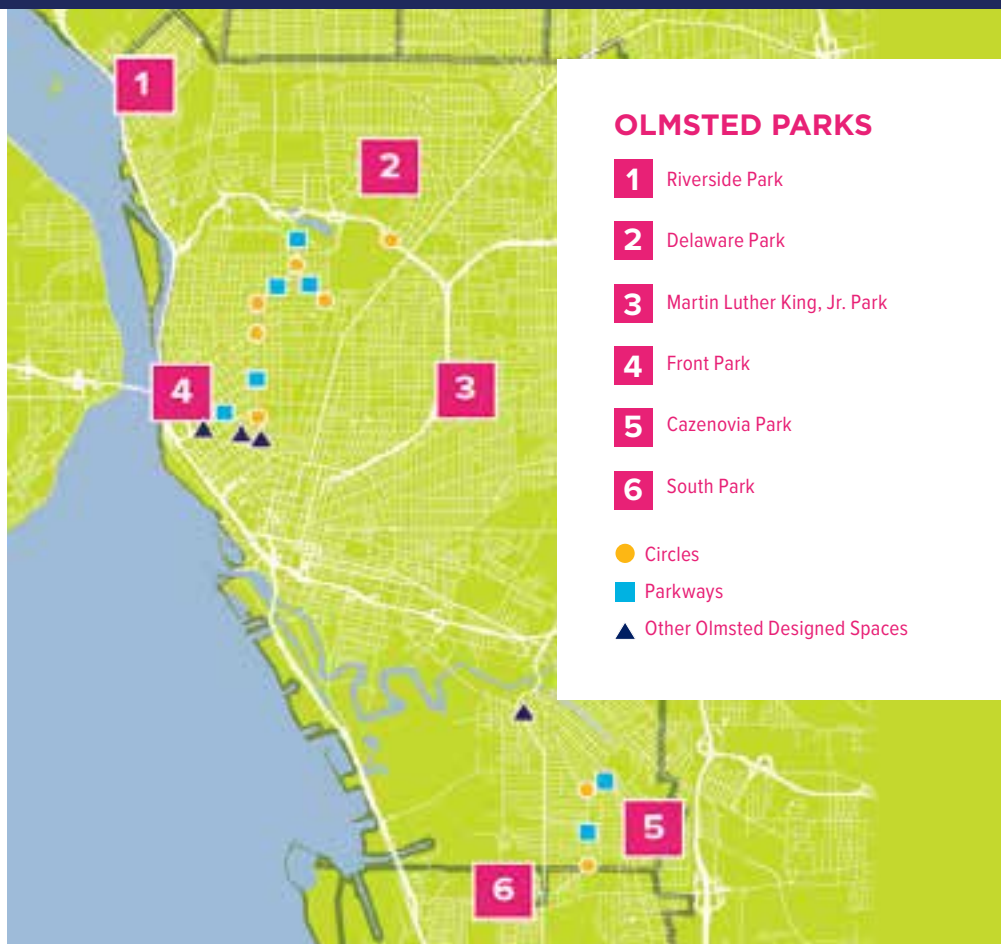
In Buffalo, there's plenty of room for your four-legged friend to enjoy the outdoors. Check out Knox Farm State Park, which has a six-acre dog park (with puppy- and small dog-designated areas) within its 633 acres.

**"When I lived in Manhattan, we had 300 pounds of dog within a 600 square foot apartment. Buffalo is really dog-friendly. We're always hiking in the Southtowns or at the Knox Farm dog park."**

### Liz Tsai

*HiOperator, Founder & CEO*

*She has lived in: Houston, Boston, San Francisco, New York City, and more.*





# BIKE SKI CLIMB HIKE RUN

## STAY ACTIVE

If you're looking to better yourself while catching some rays, try free yoga at Canalside or get a bit more daring while scaling one of our monolithic grain silos reinvented as a rock wall. And when the temperature drops, head to the hills for skiing, snowboarding, or sledding. Or, lace up the skates for pond hockey.

## POPULAR TRAILS

Enjoy beautiful and seemingly endless trails like: Eternal Flame at Chestnut Ridge Park, Knox Farm, Tift Nature Preserve, Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, Niagara Gorge, Zoar Valley, The Town of Lockport Nature Trail, and Letchworth State Park.





# Waterfronts & Waterways

## ON THE WATER

Buffalo Niagara's waterways are more than just beautiful — they're a lot of fun, too. The region is surrounded to the west and north by Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and the Niagara River. Our rural areas are bisected by the Erie Canal, the Genesee River, Chautauqua Lake, and dozens of smaller inland lakes, creeks, and streams.

The most popular public beaches for swimming and sunbathing are Woodlawn (Hamburg), Beaver Island State Park (Grand Island), and Evangola State Park (Evans/Angola). Sailboarders and kayakers flock to the launch site at Gallagher Beach — a cool post-industrial place to spend a sunny afternoon. Boats and paddleboards glide past rejuvenated grain silos and shipyards to the lakes and rivers. Year-round, the region is a haven for fishing and is one of the best spots in the country to catch bass.



BUFFALO WATERFRONT

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THE BEACH AT CANALSIDE

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## NEAR THE WATER

Want to be near the water without going in? Hit up Canalside. One of Buffalo's newer attractions, it does double duty, acknowledging the history here while joyfully pulling you into the present. At this playground for all ages, take a free wellness or fitness class, play a free game (giant chess or checkers, anyone?), and rent a kayak or bike. There are family activities, restaurants, the Naval Park, and concerts. It's steps from downtown Buffalo, so you can head there for a stroll in your downtime, or meet friends for drinks after work.

Drive out or take the bike ferry across to the Outer Harbor (you don't need a bike to ride the ferry; it's \$1)—there, on mighty Lake Erie's edge, access the trails, walking and biking paths, beaches and parks that dot over 200 acres of green space and reclaimed shoreline.



Niagara Falls, Lewiston, and points in between offer great venues for hiking, biking, and taking in the majestic scenery along the Niagara Gorge. Take a walk on Bird Island Pier (accessed from the foot of Broderick Park) or picnic at LaSalle Park, where Lake Erie meets the Niagara River. Sail on Chautauqua, Cuba, or Silver Lake or bike along the Erie Canal. Whichever way you like to enjoy the water, you'll find it here.

**Artpark** | [www.artpark.net](http://www.artpark.net)

**Canalside** | [www.canalsidebuffalo.com](http://www.canalsidebuffalo.com)

**Fort Niagara** | [www.oldfortniagara.org](http://www.oldfortniagara.org)

**Niagara Falls State Park** | [www.niagarafallsstatepark.com](http://www.niagarafallsstatepark.com)



MAID OF THE MIST AT NIAGARA FALLS

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MILLER BELL TOWER ON CHAUTAUQUA LAKE

© ROB SIGLER



KAYAKING AT OUTER HARBOR © GRANT TAYLOR

**BEACHES**  
**KAYAK**  
**BOATING**  
**CANALSIDE**



# Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls State Park is home to over 400 acres of lush landscape and wildlife, the beautiful Falls themselves, and many famous attractions. Designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Niagara Falls State Park offers a breathtaking view of one of nature's marvels as it was intended to be seen.

First discovered in 1678, by French explorer Father Louis Hennepin, Niagara Falls was one of America's first icons, luring explorers, daredevils, and visitors.

World-class attractions such as the Maid of the Mist and Cave of the Winds, offer the nine million+ visitors each year an opportunity to feel, see, and experience the rush of Niagara's waters. Niagara Falls State Park is the oldest state park in the United States and is open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

## NIAGARA FALLS, U.S.A. ATTRACTIONS

### Cave of the Winds

Go face-to-face with the pounding waters of Niagara Falls and get soaked on the Hurricane Deck just feet from the waters.

### Goat Island

Enjoy nature while gaining access to Cave of the Winds, Top of the Falls Restaurant, Three Sisters Islands, Terrapin Point, Luna Island, and the Niagara Rapids.

### Maid of the Mist Boat Tour

Experience the world famous scenic boat tour of the American and Canadian Falls.

### Niagara Falls State Park Visitors Center

Information Center, ticketing, gift shop, food, and home to the Niagara Adventure Theater. Footpaths lead from the center to every area of the Park and the Niagara Scenic Trolley departs from near the center.

### Niagara Scenic Trolley

Take a three-mile trolley ride through the park that stops at several locations. A history of the park is provided.

### Observation Tower

View both the American and Horseshoe Falls at the same time from the Observation Tower's deck that extends over the Niagara Gorge.

### Three Sisters Islands

Walk over three historic bridges that link Goat Island to the Three Sisters Islands to get a unique view of the upper rapids as the water races for the Falls.

### Top of the Falls Restaurant

Enjoy American and regional favorites while overlooking the Horseshoe Falls.





# Visiting Canada

Enjoy Canada's beaches or visit Toronto, just a 90-mile drive. It's also easy to get to Montreal, Ottawa, and Algonquin Park.

Remember, you're traveling across an international border and proof of citizenship is required. Identification requirements at international border crossings became more stringent with the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative in 2009. Lack of proper identification can cause travel delays or denial of crossing or reentry.

Acceptable forms of identification include U.S.-issued passports, an enhanced driver's license, enhanced non-driver identification card, or a NEXUS card (issued by the Canadian government for U.S. and Canadian citizens). Please note that basic driver's licenses or birth certificates are not considered proper identification for adults at



## 61% OF CANADA'S POPULATION LIVES WITHIN A DAY'S DRIVE OF THE U.S. BORDER.

international crossings. Also, every person in your vehicle must have appropriate identification. This is also the case if you're traveling by bus, airplane, or train to or from Canada. For detailed information on acceptable forms of ID, please visit the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol website at [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov).

Other important considerations include purchasing items to bring home (including shopping at the Duty Free shops at the international crossings), as some items may require you to pay duty or may be banned at international crossings (such as some food and plant materials). When asked by the customs officials, it is important to declare any purchases made while visiting.

If bringing pets, please note that they must be properly licensed including proof of vaccinations.

U.S. currency is accepted at most places in Canada, but don't take for granted that it will be accepted where you're going — if possible, check before leaving the U.S. (especially if traveling well away from the border or major Canadian cities). Several of the border crossings have currency exchange booths available.

### *Canadian Getaways*

- **Niagara-on-the-Lake** is home to world class theater at the Shaw Festival. This picture-perfect village is located on Lake Ontario at the mouth of the Niagara River. It's filled with boutiques, nature trails, wineries, restaurants, inspirational landscapes and farms, and much more.
- **The Niagara (Ontario) Wine Trail** is where North American ice wines originated — though they're only one kind of many specialty wines available here. The escarpment region is known for producing earthy grapes with robust mineral flavors.
- **Toronto**, Canada's largest city, is beautiful, cosmopolitan, and fun. About 90 minutes from Buffalo Niagara, it makes for a great day or weekend trip anytime.
- **Algonquin Provincial Park** is Canada's first (and one of its largest) provincial parks; it's a nature-lover's paradise with outstanding hiking, canoeing, and camping.
- **Montreal, Quebec** is Canada's largest bilingual city, with French and English spoken. It's distinctly European in feeling with outstanding boutiques, cafés, and restaurants, and is a wonderful place to visit any time of year.



CANADA

HORSESHOE FALLS

Maid of the Mist

NIAGARA FALLS,  
CANADA

# Four Seasons of Attractions

Here are just a few highlights out of the many, many events hosted in the region throughout the year:

## WINTER

### Labatt Blue Pond Hockey Tournament

Buffalo is home to Labatt Blue USA and, in just a handful of years, this winter favorite has expanded to include teams from all over the country and Canada and is now hosted at RiverWorks, an amazing urban reuse of our historic grain silos as a large-scale sports, entertainment, and craft-brewery complex.

### Ski Clubs and Winter Sports

Holiday Valley, Holimont, Kissing Bridge, Buffalo Ski Club, and Peak'n Peek offer up ideal conditions, affordable ticket prices and endless days and nights of downhill skiing; other areas offer cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, tubing, sledding, and ice skating.

### First Night New Year's Eve Celebration

A favorite way to ring in the New Year, this ball drop and party — complete with fireworks and bands — is free, family-friendly, and always fun.

### Canalside

Buffalo's waterfront is a year-long destination. Try your hand at curling, ride an ice bike, play bumper cars, or take a leisurely skate around the beautiful rink.



## DYNGUS DAY

Historically a Polish-American tradition, Dyngus Day celebrates the end of Lent, the joy of Easter, and spring's arrival. Buffalo is home to the country's largest celebration, which always falls on the Monday after Easter. Put on your polka shoes and get ready for kielbasa, butter lambs, water guns, and pussy willow.



## S P R I N G

### St. Patrick's Day Parades

City of Buffalo, City of Niagara Falls, and Old First Ward are the most popular.

### Maple Syrup Weekend

When sugar shacks are open to the public and serve everything from pancakes to maple candy.

### Edible Book Festival

As part of a national festival taking place around April 1st, people of all ages can submit edible representations of literature for prizes. After judging, feasting begins, as well as basket raffles, edible crafts, and letterpress demos.

### Easter Parades

Many are held all across Western New York.

### Balloons Over Letchworth

Hot air balloons fill the skies over this magnificent park, called "the Grand Canyon of the East."

**4<sup>TH</sup> BEST CITY TO  
CELEBRATE ST.  
PATRICK'S DAY**

*Niche, 2015*



# S U M M E R

## **Allentown Art Festival/Allentown West**

Every summer, more than half a million visitors flock to this multifaceted arts festival that takes place over two days in early June.

## **Juneteenth Festival**

This celebration of Buffalo's African American heritage brings thousands of visitors to MLK, Jr. Park for a weekend of fantastic food, music, crafts, and dance.

## **Taste of Buffalo**

One of the largest food festivals of its kind in the country, this is a great way to try signature foods from dozens of local restaurants and food trucks.

## **Garden Walk Buffalo**

The largest free public garden walk in the country, this incredible event enables hundreds of thousands of visitors to view hundreds of private gardens throughout the City of Buffalo.

## **Burmese Water Festival**

This beautiful and fun celebration of the Burmese New Year is one of Buffalo Niagara's newest festivals, organized by our region's growing core of Burmese immigrants.

## **Tonawanda Canal Fest**

As the Erie Canal has experienced revitalization, so has this week-long event, which attracts thousands of people.

**Erie County Fair** The third-largest county fair in America — and one of the longest running — “The Fair” is one of the most popular and fun family-centered events in the region.

## **Elmwood Festival of the Arts**

Showcasing local artists, this much-loved event includes visual and performing arts, porch parties, music, special events, and programs for kids, and much more.

## **Pride Week**

This week long celebration expresses the region's support of our LGBTQ community. Over 30,000 people join in a number of events that make up the week including the Pride Festival, parade, 5K, and more.

## **Harvest Festivals, including Eden Corn Fest & Lewiston Peach Festival**

With our region's diverse and plentiful agricultural heritage, there are reasons to celebrate throughout the summer, beginning with June's strawberry festivals.

## **Artpark**

A picturesque New York State Park, high atop the Niagara River Gorge, offers a full spectrum of engaging entertainment; from productions of Broadway musicals and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performances in the Mainstage Theater to concerts in the newly renovated Outdoor Amphitheater. Created especially with the family in mind, Artpark also offers art, theater, and rock camps for youth, and a variety of weekend family programs. The park also includes numerous hiking trails, nature sites, fishing docks, and picnic areas.



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## **National Buffalo Wing Festival**

Every Labor Day weekend, tens of thousands converge on Buffalo to celebrate one of America's favorite bar and game-day foods. The festival features 40 tons and 100 varieties of chicken wings.

# F A L L

## **Oktoberfest Weekend in Ellicottville**

Head to the Enchanted Mountains of Cattaraugus County and the Village of Ellicottville for one of the most popular fall music and arts festivals in the region.

## **The Great Pumpkin Farm/Pumpkinville/ Great American Pumpkin Festival/ Oinktoberfest**

These events are favorites for kids of all ages celebrating everything from Halloween favorites to barbecue contests.

## **Niagara Wine Trail**

Great to visit all year, the Niagara Wine Trail really comes alive in the fall, when harvesting is completed and it's time to uncork the previous years' vintages.



JAPANESE GARDEN

© BUFFALO OLMSTED PARKS CONSERVANCY

# Come Rain or Shine

Whatever the season, dress for the weather and you'll be comfortable while out enjoying the fun and beauty that our wonderful climate provides.

## WE LOVE OUR SNOW

## SPRING FLOWERS

## BEACH DAYS

## & SWEATER WEATHER

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SAFEST CITY FROM NATURAL DISASTERS

- Trulia 2013

## WINTER

Sometimes it comes late, sometimes early, but when winter comes to Buffalo Niagara, put on your hats, gloves, coats, and boots, and grab your skis, ice skates, sleds, snowmobiles, snowshoes, and ice-fishing gear. If it can be done outside in winter, we'll do it. We love winter in Buffalo Niagara, and you will too.

### What's "lake-effect" snow?

In winter, if there's not a lot of ice cover on the Great Lakes, cold air moving over the comparatively warmer water picks up moisture, which becomes snow. That cold air, part of the weather system that produces "lake-effect snow" can park over the city and/or over ski country, sending a bounty of the fluffy white stuff. (Lake-effect snow can also be accompanied by lightning and thunder, a phenomenon known as "thundersnow.") And like everything about Buffalo Niagara's weather, it's pretty wonderful, too.



## SPRING

In spring, winter snow gives way to warm sunshine and flowers. People are out and about too — biking, hiking, white-water rafting, fishing, and playing. As the days grow milder and longer, street fairs, outdoor concerts, and farmers' markets begin. Weather varies from cool (even an occasional light snowfall) and rainy, to warm and sunny — sometimes all in the same day. That's spring in Buffalo Niagara.



# SUMMER

There's no better summer than a Western New York summer. The days are sunny and long and the evenings are captivating — and both are just about always spent outside. The waterways are packed with swimmers, sailors, jet skis, power boats, and kayakers, while the surrounding forests are filled with campers, hikers, and mountain-bikers. Daytime temperatures are in the 80s and evenings are comfortably in the mid-60s, with breathtaking sunsets over the lakes, and an occasional midnight rainfall or thunderstorm that keeps our foliage green and lush.

**Buffalo has the sunniest and driest summers of any major city in the Northeast**

- National Weather Service



SUNGLASSES AND/OR HAT

30+ SPF SUNSCREEN

Free outdoor yoga & fitness classes are offered at Canalside all summer long

COMFORTABLE SANDALS

## ANNUAL AVERAGES

TEMP.  
**48.3° F**  
(9° C)

SUNSHINE  
**48%**

HUMIDITY  
**71.3%**

WIND SPEED  
**10.4 mph**



## ANNUAL MEAN

SNOWFALL  
**94.7"**  
(241 cm)

RAINFALL  
**40.5"**  
(103 cm)



DRESS IN LAYERS, like this cozy fleece vest

Pick your own apples from Sept. 1 - Oct. 25

SPRAY WATERPROOF SEALANT ON YOUR SHOES TO KEEP THEM LOOKING NEW AND YOUR FEET DRY



# FALL

After summer's heat, Buffalo Niagara welcomes fall's cooler days and evenings — with daytime temps in the 50s-70s and evenings cooling to the 40s-50s (the secret behind our region's breathtaking foliage and amazing apples). Weekends are spent enjoying harvest celebrations and, because the waterways are still warm, sailing, fishing, and even swimming before the first frosty nights.

## JANUARY



AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

**24.9° F**  
(-3.9° C)

## JULY



**71.1° F**  
(21.7° C)

LOW TEMP.

**18.5° F**  
(-7.5° C)

**62.3° F**  
(16.8° C)

SNOWFALL / RAIN

**25.3"**  
(64.3 cm)

**3.2"**  
(8.1 cm)

**ELEVATION 705'**

Source: Weatherbase.com



# TRAVEL WITH EASE

AVERAGE COMMUTE IS

**21.8 MINUTES**

5.1 MINUTES FASTER  
THAN NATIONAL AVERAGE

- U.S. Census Bureau, 2017





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When I lived **in Atlanta**,  
**I was spending four  
hours a day in the car.**

That's time I could have  
spent working out in the  
morning and playing with  
my boy in the evening.

**The quality of life is so  
much better here.**



**Royce Woods** – *Executive Director*

*Beverly Gray Business Exchange Center*

Lived in Atlanta and Pittsburgh

### **By car or plane, bike or bus, Buffalo Niagara makes life on the go easy.**

We're called a "20-minute city" for a reason—you're never far from your next stop in the day. Short commute times free up time in the day for the important things. And a car isn't your only option here. Buffalo is very bikeable, with bike sharing programs and miles and of bike lanes all throughout the city.

And when vacation time comes, we're an easy road trip or flight to many of the top destinations in the country and abroad. Buffalo Niagara International Airport is central in the community, and we're less than a two-hour drive to Toronto Pearson International Airport.

**4 INTERNATIONAL  
BRIDGE CROSSINGS**

# Modes of Transportation

## AIRPORTS

Take off from Buffalo Niagara International Airport, with more than 120 flights daily, and Niagara Falls International Airport, with specialty carriers to places like Mexico and Florida.

### Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF)

With more than 100 nonstop flights daily as well as connecting service throughout the country and around the world, Buffalo Niagara International Airport is an easy-access airport. Its compact size and ample parking make flying comparatively stress-free compared to many cities.

4200 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
716.630.6000 | 1.877.359.2642 | [www.buffaloairport.com](http://www.buffaloairport.com)

### Niagara Falls International Airport (IAG)

Niagara Falls International Airport specializes in destination vacations with specialized carriers, as well as some private business travel. Its location near the U.S./Canada border makes vacation carriers here popular with Canadians as well as Americans, and its small size and specialized use make it easy to get around and get out of town.

2035 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Niagara Falls, NY 14304  
716.297.4494 | [www.niagarafallsairport.com](http://www.niagarafallsairport.com)



## DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM BUFFALO NIAGARA



**Average one-way fare: \$196**

(Source: U.S. Department of Transportation Consumer Airfare Report – Q2 2018)





## TRAINS

Amtrak runs daily trains along several major statewide and national routes, making it easy to get where you need to go without the hassle of flying or driving.

[www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) | (800) 872-7245

- **Exchange Street Depot**  
75 Exchange Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203
- **Depew Depot**  
55 Dick Road  
Depew, NY 14043
- **Niagara Falls Station Building**  
825 Depot Avenue West  
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

**VIA Rail Canada** makes trips between Toronto and Niagara Falls, Canada  
[www.viarail.ca/en](http://www.viarail.ca/en)

## THRUWAY TRAVEL

### Toll roads, E-ZPass and Nexus

The New York State Thruway system includes tolls that can be paid with cash or, more conveniently, with E-ZPass, an electronic transponder that's accepted throughout New York State, the surrounding Great Lakes states, and most areas in the New York City metro/tristate area. It's also accepted at U.S./Canada bridge crossings.

- **E-ZPass**  
[www.e-zpassny.com](http://www.e-zpassny.com)
- **Buffalo Passport Agency**  
1-877-487-2778  
[www.us-passport-service-guide.com/buffalo-passport.html](http://www.us-passport-service-guide.com/buffalo-passport.html)
- **NEXUS Pass**  
[ttp.cbtp.dhs.gov](http://ttp.cbtp.dhs.gov)

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

### Metro Bus and Metro Rail

Public transportation in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the surrounding suburbs include the Metro Bus lines and the Metro Rail — an electric train service with stops along Main Street in Buffalo between the University at Buffalo's South Campus, First Niagara Center, Canalside, and HARBORCENTER, making it easy to get to popular entertainment venues, events, and downtown offices.

[metro.nfta.com](http://metro.nfta.com)



# Bicycles



REDDY BIKES

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Biking's big in Buffalo Niagara, both as transportation and for recreation. We're adding miles of bike lanes to city streets every year — more than 60 miles of trails and dedicated bike paths have been created in the last few years, from waterfront connections between Buffalo and Niagara Falls, to the outlying hills with breathtaking trails and scenery. Newly created trails connecting Buffalo and North Tonawanda create easy access between the popular work and residential areas. One of the most comprehensive networks is the popular Niagara River Greenway Trail — a blend of urban, waterfront, naturalized, and suburban paved pathways and trails.

[www.niagaragreenway.org](http://www.niagaragreenway.org)

## STREET SMARTS

### THE SCAJAQUADA

(AKA – The 198) Connects I-190 in the Black Rock neighborhood to the Kensington.

*Skuh-jack-quah-duh*

(Say it quick)

### THE BIG BLUE WATER TOWER

In the Town of Amherst, used as a landmark by radio traffic reporters for the interchange of I-290 with I-90.

### THE BOULEVARD

Niagara Falls Boulevard, one of the area's major suburban strip shopping areas.

### THE KENSINGTON

(AKA – The 33) The Kensington Expressway serves as the primary arterial between Downtown Buffalo and the eastern suburbs.

**THE 90** Refers to New York State Thruway Interstate 90. WNYer's add "The" before highway route numbers, such as "The 190," "The 290," and "The 990."

### THE QEWS

The Queen Elizabeth Way, an expressway linking Niagara Falls and Toronto.

### THE YOUNGMANN

(AKA – The 290) The Youngmann Memorial Highway, a six-lane expressway through the suburbs of Amherst and Tonawanda, connecting I-90 with I-190.



SLOW ROLL

NEARLY  
**150 MILES**  
OF BIKE LANES IN  
THE CITY OF BUFFALO

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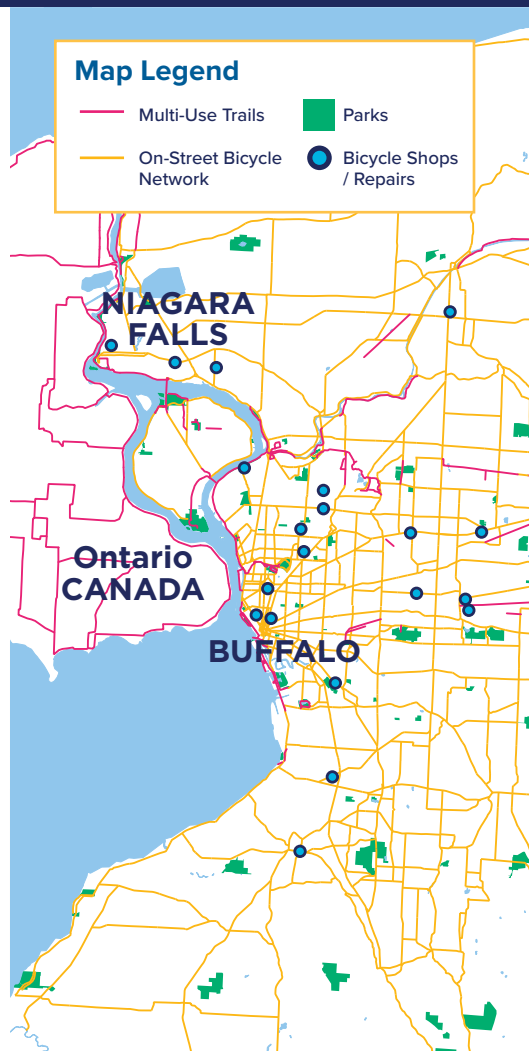
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## BIKE PATHS

Community-based organizations like GObike Buffalo and Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, public officials, and private corporations are committed to making Buffalo Niagara a forward-thinking and bike-friendly region. To that end, and with private investment and support, more than 80 miles of dedicated bike trails have been created in the last few years. These paths follow along much of the area's most beautiful scenic areas, like the waterfront, and enable easy access between destinations. The most comprehensive is the popular Niagara River Greenway Trail, featuring miles of urban, waterfront, naturalized, and suburban paved pathways and trails ([www.niagaragreenway.org](http://www.niagaragreenway.org)). In addition, many major city roads have dedicated bike lanes to enable easier commutes by bike.

Find detailed maps of our region's bike routes on the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council's website: [www.gbntc.org](http://www.gbntc.org).



## LOCAL BICYCLE CLUBS

### GObike Buffalo

Through advocacy efforts, infrastructure improvements, and community programs, GObike Buffalo works to create healthy, environmentally sustainable, and community friendly options in the greater Buffalo region. [gobikebuffalo.org](http://gobikebuffalo.org)

### Green Options Buffalo

[greenoptionsbuffalo.org/index.php](http://greenoptionsbuffalo.org/index.php)

### Niagara Frontier Bicycle Club | [nfbc.com](http://nfbc.com)

### University at Buffalo Cycling Club

[wings.buffalo.edu/sa/cycling](http://wings.buffalo.edu/sa/cycling)

### Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association | [www.wnymba.org](http://www.wnymba.org)

### Buffalo Bicycling Club

[www.buffalobicycling.com](http://www.buffalobicycling.com)

## BICYCLE EVENTS

### SkyRide

A bicycle tour of historic locations, new bicycle infrastructure, and an incredible, scenic ride over the Buffalo Skyway.

### Slow Roll

Slow Roll Buffalo is a group bicycle ride that meets every Monday night from May through October. Slow Roll was founded in Detroit in 2010, and has expanded into a global network of community rides. Each week, SRB meets at a different venue and riders take a unique route throughout the city of Buffalo and surrounding neighborhoods.

### Ride for Roswell

The Ride For Roswell is an annual celebration of community support for Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. Each year, more than 8,000 riders and 2,000 volunteers come together to raise funds for cutting-edge research studies and patient-care programs at Roswell Park. With a dozen routes ranging in distance from three to 102 miles, anyone can participate.

**Buffalo Ice Biking,  
ranked #18 best  
experience around  
the world to get  
you moving.**

- National Geographic, October 2015





# LOVE WHAT YOU DO

**#11 AMERICAN CITY  
FOR WOMEN EXECUTIVES**

- Citrix ShareFile (2017)



“

I grew up on the East Side of Buffalo where most people counted you out. To come back here and build a **multi-million-dollar tech company** is crazy. **The opportunity is here.** Bring your hustler attitude but leave the overpopulation and pollution of the mega metro behind.



**Venus Quates**

*President & CEO, Launchtech*

Buffalo Repat

**Businesses are opening, relocating and expanding in Buffalo Niagara just about every day, and career and entrepreneurial opportunities are the strongest in 50 years.**

Downtown Buffalo is growing at one of the fastest paces in history, with more than \$7.5 billion in public and private development projects in the last decade with hundreds of millions more proposed, signaling continued growth and unprecedented opportunities for entrepreneurship and employment.

With our well-educated and skilled employees, low cost of living and robust access to both American and Canadian markets (Canada is the leading trade partner for the United States), Buffalo

Niagara is a strong and growing business region. The region's growth during the Great Recession and continued prospects for economic expansion have been recognized by leading business analysts at publications such as Bloomberg Business Week, CNBC, Brookings Institution, Business Facilities, CNN Money, and Business Week.

# Diverse Economy



BUFFALO HARBOR

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CHEERIOS

OXFORD  
PENNANT

KAN JAM

CUMMINS  
ENGINES

## LEADING BUSINESS SECTORS

### Advanced Business Services

A tech-savvy workforce and more than 80,000 miles of fiber optics cable are significant assets for companies in insurance, back office, and technology design and development.

### Advanced Manufacturing

Buffalo Niagara has a rich manufacturing and innovation history. Today's growth areas include medical devices, sensor technology, additive manufacturing, and electronic components.

### Agribusiness

Food and dairy processing is one of Buffalo Niagara's most successful industries. Wyoming County is the highest dairy producing county in New York State — which is the third highest-producing state in the country.

### Life Sciences

Between the 120+ acre Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus and University at Buffalo's research funding, which exceeds \$390 million, Western New York is a burgeoning health and life sciences hub. Proximity to Toronto increases R&D to production collaboration and spin-off, research, and healthcare centers.

### Higher Education

With 21 colleges and universities, including major research and specialty centers, Buffalo Niagara's higher education institutions are vital to the economic vitality and intellectual culture of our region.

### Arts, Culture & Tourism

As the region's economic renaissance continues, the area has been rediscovered as a destination for tourism and culture. A growing number of national and international business, sport and recreation organizations host annual conventions and conferences here. Direct investment and spin-off impact for restaurants, hotels, and retail has buoyed this industry as a regional economic driver.



**View Invest Buffalo Niagara  
YouTube videos:**

- Built in Buffalo Niagara
- In Buffalo Niagara, Doors are Opening



## TOP BUSINESSES

Buffalo Niagara offers a variety of employment opportunities including careers at Fortune 1000® companies like Moog®, M&T Bank®, Tops Markets® and National Fuel® to Rich Products® and Delaware North Companies®, both of which rank among Forbes' America's Largest Private Companies list.



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WATER RESOURCES ENGINEERING  
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NEW FLYER

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## 50 LARGEST PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	INDUSTRY	FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES
Kaleida Health	Health care system	8,194
Catholic Health System	Health care system	7,368
M&T Bank	Commercial bank	7,013
Wegmans Food Markets Inc.	Supermarket retailer	4,989
Tops Markets LLC	Supermarket retailer	4,795
Roswell Park Cancer Institute	Hospital	3,239
GEICO	Insurance services	3,200
Seneca Gaming Corp.	Entertainment	3,032
Moog Inc.	Manufacturer	3,000
HSBC Bank NA	Financial services	3,000
People Inc.	Human services	2,995
Delaware North Cos.	Hospitality and food service	1,908
Citigroup	Financial services	1,800
Ingram Micro Inc.	Distributor of microcomputer products	1,650
UB   MD Physicians Group	Physicians	1,620
General Motors Powertrain-Tonawanda Engine	Manufacturer	1,607
Charter Communications	Telecommunications	1,600
Dresser-Rand Co.	Manufacturer	1,600
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York	Health Insurance services	1,589
Fidelis Care	Health Insurance services	1,497
Cummins Engine Company, Inc.	Manufacturer	1,450
The McGuire Group	Health care services	1,437
Upper Allegany Health System	Health care system	1,403
GM Components Holdings	Manufacturer	1,398
Elderwood Senior Care	Health care services	1,389
Rich Products Corp.	Food manufacturer	1,350
Sumitomo Rubber USA LLC	Manufacturer	1,348
The Resource Center	Human services	1,264
National Fuel Gas Co.	Integrated energy services	1,257
Aspire of WNY Inc.	Human services	1,256
Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc.	Food manufacturer	1,172
Ford Motor Co.	Manufacturer	1,100
Praxair Inc.	Production and distribution of industrial gases	1,100
Independent Health	Health insurance services	1,097
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center	Hospital	1,047
Buffalo Medical Group	Physicians	1,002
Baker Victory Services	Human services	1,000
Fresenius Kabi	Medicine and technology manufacturer	950
Community Services for Every1	Human services	905
Integer	Manufacturer	900
Olean General Hospital	Hospital	894
National Grid	Energy utility	850
The Arc Erie County	Human services	850
Basil Family Dealerships	Automotive sales and service	800
Bank of America	Financial services	750
Suburban Adult Services	Human services	732
Thermo Fisher Scientific	Manufacturer	720
Northtown Automotive Cos. Inc.	Automotive sales and service	710
BestSelf Behavioral Health	Human services	669
American Niagara Hospitality	Hospitality and food service	656

Source: Buffalo Business First 2019 Book of Lists

# Business Resources

## HOTTEST CONSTRUCTION MARKET IN THE NORTHEAST

- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015

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### SALARIES & WAGES

Although salaries and wages in Buffalo Niagara are an average of 4.8% less than national averages, our cost of living is also 5.2% lower than the U.S. average — meaning you can enjoy a better overall quality of life. If you ask us, that's a worthwhile balance.

OCCUPATION	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	MEAN HOURLY / MEAN ANNUAL
Office and Administrative Support	90,220	\$18.78 / \$39,070
Sales and Related	55,400	\$19.01 / \$39,550
Food Preparation and Serving Related	54,190	\$13.04 / \$27,130
Education, Training, and Library	39,390	\$27.32 / \$56,830
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	36,220	\$38.43 / \$79,930
Production	35,090	\$19.95 / \$41,500
Transportation and Material Moving	32,600	\$17.22 / \$35,820
Business and Financial Operations	26,160	\$33.89 / \$70,500
Personal Care and Service	25,070	\$13.57 / \$28,220
Management	21,980	\$58.57 / \$121,830
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	20,710	\$23.50 / \$48,880
Construction and Extraction	19,630	\$25.14 / \$52,290
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	16,590	\$14.94 / \$31,080
Protective Service	14,890	\$23.26 / \$48,390
Computer and Mathematical	14,640	\$37.28 / \$77,530
Healthcare Support	14,400	\$15.77 / \$32,810
Community and Social Services	10,780	\$22.95 / \$47,740
Architecture and Engineering	7,410	\$37.40 / \$77,800
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	5,930	\$27.65 / \$57,510
Legal	4,970	\$42.16 / \$87,690
Life, Physical, and Social Science	4,740	\$29.74 / \$61,870
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	100	\$17.20 / \$35,780

Source: US Department of Labor Occupational Employment and Wage Data, Buffalo-Niagara Falls MSA 2018



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## EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

Buffalo Niagara has a number of resources available to people who are relocating. Here is a select listing of employment agencies and online resources. Ask your employer about spousal/partner relocation advisement — some of our region's largest employers, such as the State University of New York system — have programs available.

### STAFFING AGENCIES

Acara Solutions	716-929-1400	<a href="http://www.acarasolutions.com">www.acarasolutions.com</a>
Imagine Staffing	716-218-7819	<a href="http://www.imaginestaffing.net">www.imaginestaffing.net</a>
Performance Management Partners	716-204-2590	<a href="http://www.performancepros.net">www.performancepros.net</a>
Remedy Intelligent Staffing	716-831-4800	<a href="http://www.remedystaffingbuffalo.com">www.remedystaffingbuffalo.com</a>

### HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

Alcott HR Group	716-626-9500	<a href="http://www.alcotthr.com">www.alcotthr.com</a>
Employer Services Corporation	716-691-4455	<a href="http://www.myesc.com">www.myesc.com</a>

### PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SERVICES

Buffalo Employment & Training Center	716-856-JOBS(5627)	<a href="http://www.workforcebuffalo.org">www.workforcebuffalo.org</a>
Buffalo & Erie County Workforce Investment Board	716-504-1483	<a href="http://www.becwib.org">www.becwib.org</a>
ECC One Stop Center	716-270-4444	<a href="http://www.ecc.edu/onestop">www.ecc.edu/onestop</a>
Erie 1 BOCES Workforce Development Center	716-821-7500	<a href="http://www.e1b.org">www.e1b.org</a>
NCCC Workforce Development	716-614-6236	<a href="http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/wd">www.niagaracc.suny.edu/wd</a>
Niagara County Workforce Development Board	716-278-8251	<a href="http://www.niagarawdb.com">www.niagarawdb.com</a>
New York State Department of Labor	716-851-2750	<a href="http://www.labor.state.ny.us">www.labor.state.ny.us</a>
Orleans Niagara BOCES	716-731-6800	<a href="http://www.onboces.org">www.onboces.org</a>
UB Educational Opportunity Center	716-645-9555	<a href="http://eoc.buffalo.edu">eoc.buffalo.edu</a>

## Grow Your Career

### Western New York Jobs

[www.wnyjobs.com](http://www.wnyjobs.com)

### New York State's Department of Labor

[www.labor.ny.gov](http://www.labor.ny.gov)

## BUFFALO RANKED A TOP 10 CITY FOR CAREER OPPORTUNITY

- Smartasset, September 2015

“There are practical reasons that drove our move to Buffalo — access to great talent, cost-effective living, a budding entrepreneurial ecosystem — but what truly made it a success for LegWorks was the support, guidance, and openness of the incredible community here.”

### Emily Lutyens

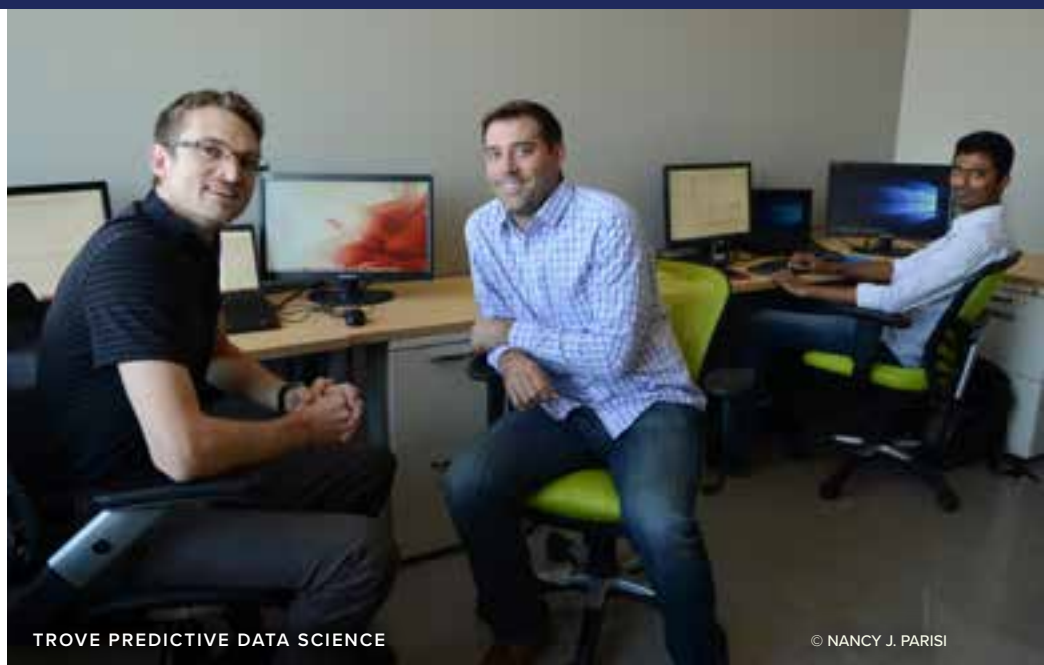
CEO, LegWorks



# Business Resources

Entrepreneurial support is plentiful through business-funding competitions and through local and statewide incentive programs. There are also several small business development centers, mentoring programs, and more available to help brand-new startups or expanding operations. With their assistance, you'll be sure to get your business started off right and ensure you're in compliance with local, county, and state licensing and regulatory requirements.

Find the information you need for your particular field from your city or town's municipal offices; your county's business development agency or office; the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) or Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE); and local Chambers of Commerce.



## CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Buffalo Niagara's business support network is strong and growing, and the Western New York Chamber Alliance includes many chambers of commerce and partner organizations that support businesses of all sizes through a variety of services. It's an excellent resource that will help you find the specific contacts you need, whether you've already determined where your business will be located or want additional information regarding doing business in specific cities, towns, and counties. [www.wnychamberalliance.com](http://www.wnychamberalliance.com)

Akron Chamber of Commerce	716.542.4050	<a href="http://www.akronchamberofcommercenyn.com">www.akronchamberofcommercenyn.com</a>
Alden Chamber of Commerce	716-937-6177	<a href="http://www.aldenny.org">www.aldenny.org</a>
Amherst Chamber of Commerce	716-632-6905	<a href="http://www.amherst.org">www.amherst.org</a>
Black Chamber of Commerce	716-995-0622	<a href="http://www.wnyblackchamber.org">www.wnyblackchamber.org</a>
Buffalo Niagara Partnership	716-852-7100	<a href="http://www.thepartnership.org">www.thepartnership.org</a>
Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas	716-692-5120	<a href="http://www.the-tonawandas.com">www.the-tonawandas.com</a>
Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce	716-366-6200	<a href="http://www.chautauquachamber.org">www.chautauquachamber.org</a>
Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce	716-684-5838	<a href="http://www.cheektowaga.org">www.cheektowaga.org</a>
Clarence Chamber of Commerce	716-631-3888	<a href="http://www.clarence.org">www.clarence.org</a>
Eden Chamber of Commerce	716-992-4799	<a href="http://www.edenny.org/chamber">www.edenny.org/chamber</a>
Evans-Brant Chamber of Commerce	716-549-3221	<a href="http://www.ebccny.org">www.ebccny.org</a>
Genesee County Chamber of Commerce	585-343-7440	<a href="http://www.geneseenyn.com">www.geneseenyn.com</a>
Grand Island Chamber of Commerce	716-773-3651	<a href="http://www.gichamber.org">www.gichamber.org</a>
Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce	716-652-8444	<a href="http://www.eanycc.com">www.eanycc.com</a>
Greater Olean Chamber of Commerce	716-372-4433	<a href="http://www.oleanny.com">www.oleanny.com</a>
Greater South Buffalo Chamber of Commerce	716-824-9942	<a href="http://www.southbuffalochamber.org">www.southbuffalochamber.org</a>
Hamburg Chamber of Commerce	716-649-7917	<a href="http://www.hamburg-chamber.org">www.hamburg-chamber.org</a>
Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce	716-874-1202	<a href="http://www.ken-ton.org">www.ken-ton.org</a>
Lackawanna Area Chamber of Commerce	716-823-8841	<a href="http://www.lackawannachamber.org">www.lackawannachamber.org</a>
Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce	716-681-9755	<a href="http://www.laccny.org">www.laccny.org</a>
Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce	716-754-9500	<a href="http://www.northofthefalls.com">www.northofthefalls.com</a>
Niagara USA Chamber	716-285-9141	<a href="http://www.niagarachamber.org">www.niagarachamber.org</a>
Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce	716-662-3366	<a href="http://www.orchardparkchamber.com">www.orchardparkchamber.com</a>
Orleans County Chamber of Commerce	585-589-7727	<a href="http://www.orleanschamber.com">www.orleanschamber.com</a>
Springville Area Chamber of Commerce	716-592-4746	<a href="http://www.springvillechamber.org">www.springvillechamber.org</a>
Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce	585-593-5080	<a href="http://www.wellsvilleeachamber.com">www.wellsvilleeachamber.com</a>
West Seneca Chamber of Commerce	716-674-4900	<a href="http://www.westseneca.org">www.westseneca.org</a>
Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce	585-237-0230	<a href="http://www.wycochamber.org">www.wycochamber.org</a>





# ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAMS

Visit [buffaloniagara.org/startup](http://buffaloniagara.org/startup) for a complete list of entrepreneurial resources.

## Incubators & Accelerators

- Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Innovation Center
- Innovation Zone at the MedTech Commercialization Centre
- Harrison Place
- IncubatorWorks
- Fredonia Technology Incubator
- UB Technology Incubator at Baird Research Park
- UB Biosciences Incubator at Buffalo Clinical & Translational Research Center
- UB Innovation Hub
- Western New York Incubator Network (WIN)
- Z80 Labs

## Development Resources

- Buffalo Clinical & Translational Research Center (CTRC)
- Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (CEL)
- Ceramics Corridor Business Innovation Center
- Insyte Consulting
- LaunchNY
- New York State Center for Engineering Design and Industrial Innovation (NYSCEDI)
- New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics & Life Sciences
- New York State Center of Excellence in Materials Informatics
- StartOneNY
- Techstars Ecosystem Development
- UB Center for Industrial Effectiveness (TCIE)
- UB Office of Science, Technology Transfer and Economic Outreach (STOR)
- Western New York Incubator Network (WIN)

## Support groups

- Python Buffalo
- Startup Tech Unleashed
- Buffalo Game Space
- Buffalo JS (javascript)
- Girl Develop It
- Full Stack Buffalo
- Buffalo AI (Artificial Intelligence)



## Events

### 43North, Global Business Plan Competition

[43north.org](http://43north.org)

### Ignite Buffalo

[ignitebuffalo.org](http://ignitebuffalo.org)

### Startup Grind Buffalo

[startupgrind.com/buffalo](http://startupgrind.com/buffalo)

### Startup Weekend

[startupweekend.org](http://startupweekend.org)

### Techstars Startup Week

[techstars.com/buffalo-startup-week](http://techstars.com/buffalo-startup-week)



RANKED 2ND MOST  
**BOOMING**  
STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

- Entrepreneur.com, July 2017

# Working Remotely

So you have that passion project sitting in your notes app for months and you finally got a kick of motivation to get started. Or maybe you need a boost of caffeine while catching up on your email.

Here are some cool places to open the laptop, hit play on your new masterpiece playlist, and get some work done.

## CO-WORKING SPACES

- dig Buffalo
- The Vanguard House
- The Foundry

## CAFFEINATE & CREATE

- SPoT Coffee
- Undergrounds Coffee
- Perks Café
- Public Espresso + Coffee
- Remedy House
- Sweet\_ness 7 Café



“People are eager to help if they see you’re doing something that the city needs. If you meet one person in Buffalo, they end up connecting you to 10 other people.”

**Shawna Stanley**

*Founder, The Vanguard House*

*From Arizona*



## Global Reach. Local Roots.

High quality size reduction equipment, proudly manufactured right here in Buffalo, since 1928. Find out more at [www.hamtermills.com](http://www.hamtermills.com)



# Be in Buffalo



## Innovative people. Inspiring places. Discover Buffalo, New York

From pioneering tech jobs to those in financial services and everything in between, Buffalo offers opportunity for what's next in your career.

Buffalo is grounded by accessibility and freshly energized with potential and boundless opportunity to help you reach next-level success and “be” whatever you want to be—whether that’s a first-time homeowner, creative freelancer, C-level executive, or anything in between.

From our rapidly expanding high-growth job market to our world-renowned cultural amenities, low cost of living, and stunningly accessible real estate market, it’s no wonder Buffalo is attracting college-educated young adults in droves. Find out for yourself why Time called Buffalo Niagara one of “25 Cities Where Millennials Are Moving.

**beinbuffalo.com**

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# About Invest Buffalo Niagara

Founded in 1999, Invest Buffalo Niagara represents the eight counties of Western New York. We are the region's nonprofit, privately funded economic development organization focused on job creation. Our mission is to attract new employers to the Buffalo Niagara region through outreach to growing companies around the world.

To support business attraction, expansion, and entrepreneurship, Invest Buffalo Niagara collaborates with local businesses, universities, nonprofit organizations, and elected officials to deliver a unified response to regional economic development opportunities.

Our team of professional economic development consultants provides services to companies considering the Buffalo Niagara region, particularly for the first time.

## Our services

From research to ribbon-cutting, we serve as a single point of entry for economic development inquiries and offer a comprehensive suite of client-driven project management services to companies and consultants evaluating the market area:

- Facilitation of cross-border due diligence process for international companies
- Confidential and custom site location assistance
- Labor market analysis and demographics
- Serve as your regional concierge
- Personalized multi-region data comparisons
- Facilitation of state and local incentive programming
- Introductions to professional service providers and partners
- Meetings with community and business leaders
- Assistance with workforce and recruitment training needs



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Our investors and partners are dedicated to helping Invest Buffalo Niagara bring companies to the region. Their commitment fuels and enables our collaboration and coordination, which will make all the difference in the future development of our region. Thanks to the support of our investors, we provide our services at no cost.

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